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» Law's lack of teeth stymies efforts to go after violators

Weeks of business inspections on Saipan found "numerous" violations that include the perennial problem of lack of sales records but the Department of Finance was unable to issue any single citation on site because an 11-year-old law lacks enforcement teeth, among other things, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson confirmed with *Saipan Tribune*.

A lack of sales records among many businesses translates to millions in uncollected taxes. This means revenue loss for the CNMI government that needs to provide public services such as for health, welfare, safety, and education.

In some cases, the uncovered practices "could trigger an audit," Larson added.

The problem lies with the way the Sales Receipts Act of 2002 is written.

Larson

Finance and the Legislature are now trying to amend this law to provide the Finance secretary the authority to issue citations to any person found violating the law.

The bill also amends the law on business licenses.

Larson said House Bill 18-132, which was introduced on Thursday, amends the law to clarify the authorization for the Finance secretary or his/her designee to issue

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Two more plane crash survivors to go home

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Two survivors of the Oct. 6 Star Marianas plane crash on Tinian are still in the CNMI but one of them is set to return to China today while the last one is expected to follow soon, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. and an official of the Chinese Association of the CNMI said yesterday.

This, even as the results of the federal investigation into the accident are not expected to be known anytime soon.

The crash killed three, including the pilot, and injured four others.

The first of four survivors to return to China was a 3-year-old girl on Thursday.

A male adult survivor followed yesterday morning, CHC interim

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Fund disbursements begin this week

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Defined benefit members can expect the disbursement of their remaining employee contributions—totaling over $40 million—to begin this week.

The NMI Retirement Fund announced Friday that, barring unforeseen circumstances, it plans to upload direct deposit payments this Wednesday afternoon.

Applicants can expect their employee contribution withdrawals to be credited to their bank accounts within 24 to 48 hours after upload.

By Thursday or Friday, their bank accounts would have the remainder of their refunded contributions pursuant to Public Laws 17-82 and 18-2.

This is much earlier than the expected release in the first week of November.

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BEST COSTUME MARK RABAGO
One-year-old Aria Jade Villagomez won this year's edition of the Baby Pageant during last Saturday's "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. She is joined in the photo by proud parents Jake Villagomez and Rita Carreon.

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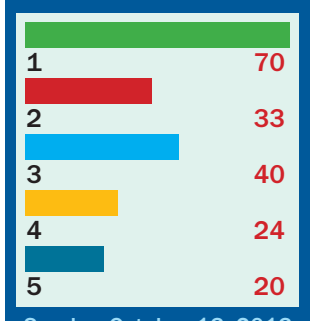

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OWWA outreach extended; bad weather nixes outreach on Rota

Good news for contract workers on Saipan.

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam is extending its Overseas Workers Welfare Administration services on the island starting at 1pm today at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

Bad weather over the weekend, meanwhile, forced the consulate team led by consul Maria Paz Cortes to cancel its mobile outreach services on Rota last Friday, Oct. 11.

As a result, Cortes and company did the next best thing and continued providing mobile outreach services to overseas Filipino contract workers on Saipan at the TSL Sports Complex, located at the REM Center, last Saturday and Sunday.

Over the last two days, her team was able to accommodate some 100 more of their countrymen, including 25 walk-ins for passport application.

OWWA representative Julie Fabian was also on hand, fresh from her one-day trip to Tinian. She also came with new receipts—all 750 of them—for those hoping to renew their OWWA membership.

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza reminded her countrymen that the TSL Sports Complex is not the same as the TSL Plaza along Beach Road in Garapan.

MARK RABAGO

Overseas Workers Welfare Administration representative Julie Fabian examines the documents of a Filipino contract worker renewing his OWWA membership last Monday at the Philippine Consulate General in Guam mobile outreach services at the Daidai Social Hall in Chalan Kanoa.

She said she received reports that a number of Filipinos drove to the TSL Plaza during the weekend, thinking the mobile outreach services were there. The parking lot of the TSL Plaza served as the staging area of last month's passport pre-processing activity of the organization.

Adaza clarified that the TSL Sports Complex houses the Northern Marianas Badminton Association, the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, and Saipan Soccer School futsal court.

Going north along Middle Road, motorists should turn left toward the rough road after the Division of Energy office. Motorists driving south, meanwhile, should turn right after Paradise Florist. The rough road, marred by potholes, would bring you directly to the TSL Sports Complex, said Adaza.

Cortes and her consular team, made up of passport officer Francisco Magno, assistant passport officer Emmanuel Garcia, notarial services' Ivy Tengco and Margie Morales, and cashier Fides Sang-Ollay, didn't make the trip to Rota because of the bad weather.

Adaza said that UFO volunteers continue to help the Philippine Consulate in Guam conduct its mobile outreach on the island. She said a total of 15 helped yesterday and the same number are expected for today's OWWA outreach.

She also took the opportunity to thank the businesses and individuals who donated food for the outreach services: Kentucky Fried Chicken, JHEMS Restaurant, Matty's Store, Gold Ribbon Restaurant, and Tan Holdings' Eli Arago.

OWWA is a Philippine government agency that handles the welfare and wellbeing of Filipino workers abroad. Members of OWWA are entitled to receive benefits for medical/healthcare, disability and death, education and training, workers assistance and on-site services, and social and family welfare assistance. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Court urged to bar OAG from presenting cop's prior arrest

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Attorney Janet H. King, counsel for suspended police sergeant Elden Dela Cruz who is facing domestic violence charges, has asked the Superior Court to exclude any evidence of the officer's 2007 arrest record in another domestic violence case.

King asked the court last week to instruct the Office of the Attorney General, and each and every witness called by the government, not to mention or refer to Dela Cruz's previous arrest without first obtaining court's permission.

The OAG wants to raise the issue of Dela Cruz's arrest record but King said this evidence is "irrelevant, prejudicial, and inadmissible under the Commonwealth Rules of Evidence."

King said the OAG has not shown that the arrest ever resulted in any felony convictions.

King said that since the present case is based on the events of June 7, 2013, the defense cannot see how the introduction of another domestic violence charge would tend to make any fact in this action "more probable or less probable than it would be without the evidence."

King said the OAG dismissed the 2007 domestic violence charges.

Dela Cruz is facing charges of assault and battery and disturbing the peace for allegedly beating up his wife on June 7, 2013.

Last week, King filed a motion to dismiss the case on the grounds that chief prosecutor Shelli Neal and another prosecutor have been allegedly deliberately withholding evidence that proves that the charges are baseless.

High surf and small craft advisories out

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management warned the public yesterday that a long period swell generated by intensifying Typhoon Wipha northwest of the Marianas will produce dangerous surf along west and north facing reefs the next few days.

High winds and seas associated with Typhoon Wipha will produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft through Monday night.

A high surf warning is now in effect until 6am today, Monday, while a high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am Wednesday.

Surf of 16 to 20 feet is expected on north and west facing reefs today. Coastal inundation of 1 to 2 feet is likely, especially at times of high tide. High tide is expected around 4:20pm Monday afternoon.

Surf will gradually diminish but will still remain hazardous surf 10 to 14 feet Monday night. The hazardous surf conditions will linger through Wednesday.

Depending on how Typhoon Wipha tracks and intensifies, these surf conditions could persist even longer.

A small craft advisory is also now in effect until 6am Tuesday. A small craft advisory means that seas 10 feet or greater and sustained winds of 22 to 33 knots are expected to produce conditions hazardous to small craft.

South winds of 15 to 20 knots with gust to 30 kts in showers will gradually diminish to between 10 and 20 knots on Monday. Seas will subside to between 14 and 15 feet today.

The public is being advised to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west and south facing reefs as rip currents will be life threatening. Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, exercise caution, especially near reef lines and when entering or leaving harbors and inlets. ***(PR)***

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Ex-CUC staff pleads guilty to 56 charges of funds misuse

A former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center pleaded guilty on Friday in federal court to 56 charges of misusing over $1.7 million intended as payment for a medical supplier company.

Melvin G. Ada pleaded guilty to 19 counts of theft or embezzlement in connection with health care, nine counts of health care fraud, and 28 counts of money laundering as part of a plea deal with the U.S. government.

Ada will be sentenced on March 7, 2014, at 9am.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona allowed Ada to remain free until his sentencing.

Manglona advised Ada to communicate with his counsel and comply with his temporary release conditions.

Defense counsel Colin Thompson served as counsel for Ada. Assistant U.S. attorney Garth Backe appeared for the U.S. government.

Ada's wife, Leyda I. Ada, is also facing the same charges.

The Ada couple were each charged in the indictment with one count of conspiracy to commit theft or embezzlement in connection with health care; 19 counts of theft or embezzlement in connection with health care; one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud; nine counts of health care fraud; one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering; and 28 counts of money laundering.

Melvin Ada was previously assigned as a medical supply specialist at CHC. Leyda used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Flores: Local Law 17-08 is unconstitutional

Saipan Mayor Donald G. Flores says he continues to ignore Saipan Local Law 17-08 because it is unconstitutional. The statute designates the Saipan Municipal Council chairman as acting mayor when the mayor is off-island.

"This office was created by [the] Constitution and we follow Commonwealth law. Saipan Local Law 17-08 is a local law. The only thing that can change the mandate of this office is through constitutional convention or popular initiative," he said Friday.

Flores insists that the CNMI Constitution always trumps local law and reiterates that if the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council is dead-set in having its chairman serve as acting mayor whenever he is away, then they should work with the Legislature to either pass a popular initiative or convene a constitutional convention.

"Local law cannot change the Constitution. So I feel that [SLL 17-08] is unconstitutional and I swore on the Bible that I will protect the Constitution until it's changed by constitutional convention or by popular initiative…I have no animosity [toward the municipal council]. I'm protecting the CNMI Constitution. I don't know [Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho's] motive. I cannot say anything about that."

He thinks it's a complete mystery why the Municipal Council is "always picking" on his office when the Northern Islands Mayor's Office is also covered by that particular law.

"He's continuously after the Saipan Mayor's Office about Local Law 17-08. What about the Northern Islands? The mayor of the Northern Islands is not in his office for a long time, he [Camacho] could be [acting mayor if he wants to]…maybe the mayor of the Northern Islands has the same thinking with the mayor of Saipan, that 17-08 is unconstitutional."

Henry Hofschneider, Flores' adviser and the person in charge of his office whenever he is off-island, pointed out that the Municipal Council is not doing anything substantial to help the mayor's office.

"The Municipal Council is doing something that's not helping the Saipan Mayor's Office. We have a responsibility to serve the public and they're out there promoting something else…public improvement, the Kiosku Project, and what else, the history summit or something? Those are important, too, but are those part of the municipal council's duties and responsibilities?"

To be fair, Flores and Hofschneider conceded that the Municipal Council's duties and responsibilities are limited. The two also wished for a better relationship between the two government agencies.

"We want better coordination and meetings with the mayor and the council members but that is not happening," said Hofschneider, who admitted that Flores has never officially met with Camacho or his council members.

Last month, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho wrote to the Attorney Generals Office complaining about Flores' continued violation of SLL-17-08.

"Unfortunately, Mayor Flores has chosen to defy, behave, and act contrary to the intent of SLL 17-08, not once nor twice, but all the time since SLL 17-08 was approved by the governor on May 9, 2011, up to and including his most recent action, dated Aug. 30, 2013, based on a premise that SLL 17-08 has been ignored and violated with impunity," Camacho wrote in his Sept. 9, 2013, letter to Attorney General Joey San Nicolas.

Camacho also said that even as Flores violates the local law, he instead designates an officer-in-charge "whenever the mayor was physically outside the CNMI on official travel or on personal business."

Camacho asked San Nicolas to write Flores a letter advising him to comply with SLL 17-08. In absence of that, Camacho said, a certified question to the CNMI Supreme Court or a declaratory relief is an option available to the OAG in effecting the application of SLL 17-08. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Proposed projects for Guam buildup now out

PEARL HARBOR—New information regarding proposed projects in support of the military relocation to Guam is now available on the Cultural Resources Information website at http://goo.gl/tqG7OV.

Comments on the assessment of effect within the specific project footprint will be accepted for 45 calendar days after the project is posted. The comment deadline for assessments of effects for the proposed Andersen South Future Defense Policy Review Initiative Project Design Studies (Memo #2) on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, is Nov. 25, 2013.

Those without Internet access may pick up a written description of this project and a mail-in comment sheet from the Guam Historic Resources Division located within the Department of Parks and Recreation at 490 Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights (across from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam). ***(NAVFAC)***

FUND

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The Retirement Fund also plans to distribute checks to all applicants on Thursday and Friday on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota from 8am to 5pm.

Applicants can pick up their checks from the NMI Retirement Fund building on Capital Hill on Saipan, while those on Rota and Tinian could pick up their checks from the offices of their respective mayors.

The disbursements come after the Fund completed the calculations for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 employee contributions.

"Once the Fund receives official notification that the Legislature's resolution is 'legislative action' that conforms with the requirements of the settlement agreement, all disbursements for employee contribution will be processed," the Fund said.

The House adopted on Thursday a House joint resolution that the Senate substituted, acknowledging and approving the settlement agreement in *Johnson vs. Inos* as required for the final disbursement of employee contributions under Sections 12.0 and 34.0 of the settlement deal.

During the settlement deal's preliminary approval, some $10 million was disbursed.

The remainder, or $42 million, of DB contributions from the Fund will be released after final approval of the settlement agreement and then after legislative approval.

While the disbursements begin this week, so is the 25-percent cut in retirees' pension when they receive their checks on Oct. 15.

At least 12 of 16 individuals who opted out of the Fund settlement class are also not expected to get any pension check in the mail this week.

Bills seeking to appropriate money to pay for the pension of retirees who opted out are still with House committees.

"The Senate is waiting and is on standby to act on appropriation legislation to pay for the opt-outs pension," said Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), one of those who opted out of the settlement deal.

SURVIVORS

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chief executive officer Esther Muña and Chinese Association of the CNMI director and former president Rose Chen separately told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Chen and Muña said the mother of the youngest survivor is leaving today. This survivor was earlier set to leave last Friday, then yesterday, and then today.

Muña said the fourth one "is in stable condition but her family is communicating with insurance for arrangement of her return."

Family tragedies

More significant than the statistics are the stories of individual families separated by the plane crash and the stories of hope and courage that brought together the same families and communities.

Chen said she is saddened by the losses but at the same time it warms her heart to know that people, even those who do not know each other, help each other in times like these.

"They are thanking people who helped," said Chen, who made it a point to visit the survivors at the Commonwealth Health Center every day.

Of the three who died in the plane crash, two were Chinese tourists—a 26-year-old female and a 29-year-old male. The third was the pilot, originally from Mexico.

The four survivors are all Chinese tourists.

The youngest survivor's mother is one of the three adult survivors. They will be reunited in China, but the man who is a father and a husband to them was one of the three killed in the crash.

The crash also separated a couple on their honeymoon vacation in the CNMI.

Chen said the bodies of the two Chinese tourists that were killed in the crash were still at the CHC morgue as of yesterday.

Muña, for her part, said, "The families of survivors wanted the bodies to go with the survivors as they are related."

Muña said that CHC is "reminded time and time again that every patient that walks in to CHC should be treated with the same quality and compassion as the one before and the one after."

"Our hardworking physicians, nurses, ancillary, and administrative staff were there with the mentality that they had to save lives. Even after we did that, our staff continued the assistance to the patients and their families to ensure that patients' health and wellness continue beyond CHC. I believe that we were successful with that. This is what we do," Muña said.

While this gets the public's attention now "because of this unfortunate incident, this is what our medical and administrative team do every day, no matter who is in front of them."

The Chinese government also sent its consular officers from California to the CNMI upon learning of the crash.

Yu Xiong, consul from the Chinese Consulate General in Los Angeles, and vice consul Hongming Wang arrived in the CNMI on Tuesday.

Yu expressed appreciation to local and federal emergency response personnel, medical personnel, other agencies, private citizens, and groups that helped in any way in the rescue and recovery of the victims.

This is the second Star Marianas plane crash in 11 months. The first one was on Nov. 19, 2012, that claimed the life of a female Chinese national.

DOF

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cease-and-desist orders that are effective even before an administrative hearing is conducted and until the violation is cured.

Those violations include lack of proper business sales records and lack of business license.

"So what happened was, even though the Finance team found numerous violations, they couldn't issue citations to any of the businesses they checked because Finance does not have the authority to issue citations," Larson said in an interview.

Finance, therefore, considered the initial sweep only as an "educational outreach" to inform businesses of what they need to do to comply with the Sales Receipts Act of 2002.

These include proper method of receipting, wherein businesses should have a record of every sales transaction subject to taxation.

"We will have a second round of inspections once the law is amended so that Finance can issue citations when they found violations," Larson added.

For several weeks, a Department of Finance team visited mostly small businesses that are normally unchecked for a lot of compliance issues such as whether they have a valid business license or are current in their tax payments, compared to medium and large businesses that have always been under the microscope.

To date, many businesses still do not issue receipts or do not have proper method of recording sales and other taxable transactions, the Finance secretary said.

"Enforcement is one of key ways to generate revenue, comply with laws such as paying taxes and fees," Larson said.

The initial Finance sweeps covered only Saipan.

Larson said that Finance will also conduct inspections of businesses on Tinian and Rota in the near future.

"I again encourage businesses to resolve outstanding tax and other related issues they may have prior to enforcement people coming in and issuing citations to them. We found numerous violations and made notes of where we'd go back. Once this bill becomes law, we would be able to issue citations to businesses," she added.

MOA

Finance and the Department of Public Safety are now developing a memorandum of agreement "so if DPS sees violations related to the Sales Receipts Act, they could refer them to us," Larson said.

DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, meanwhile, told the House of Representatives on Thursday that DPS supports any measure that strengthens enforcement of this and other laws.

Deleon Guerrero was referring to Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-132, which increases penalties on businesses that fail to issue receipts of sales or operate without a license.

Leon Guerrero, chairman of the House Judiciary and Government Operations Committee, introduced HB 18-133 on Thursday, which the speaker referred to the Committee on Commerce for review.

The current fines for not issuing receipts range from zero to $1,000.

The new fines are $250 for the first offense, $750 for the second offense, and $1,500 for the third offense. The third offense will trigger an automatic revocation of the business license for six months.

The criminal aspect wherein violators may face up to one year jail time was removed and replaced with a higher civil fine under the bill.

The DPS commissioner also expressed support for Leon Guerrero's House Bill 18-133, which amends the law relating to obstruction of justice to add a new provision relating to making false statements to public servants.

"That would save us [DPS] a lot of investigative time," Deleon Guerrero told lawmakers.

'Plugging a loophole'

In related news, the House passed on Thursday Rep. Tony Sablan's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 18-57, House Draft 1, requiring a business license for each business location regardless of the line of business.

The bill passed by a vote of 18-0 at 3:38pm on Thursday.

It now goes to the Senate for action.

The Committee on Commerce, chaired by Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), said the CNMI continues to lose additional revenues by allowing businesses to buy one business license, yet have multiple branches in the CNMI.

It said this "loophole" has been in the books for many years "but has gone unnoticed, most especially during the booming of the CNMI's economy."

"…Many businesses in the CNMI are opening shops in different locations within the Commonwealth, for the fact that it will only cost them minimally with the bonus of maximizing profits in all the additional locations," the committee said in its recommendations to pass HB 18-57 in the form of House Draft 1.

Once the bill is signed into law, the CNMI is expected to "realize immediate increase in government collections."

Man pleads guilty to sexual abuse of a minor

Kabirul Islam Molla, a man facing two cases of sexual abuse of a minor in the Superior Court, pleaded guilty to the charges last week. He will be sentenced on Nov. 20, 2013, at 9am.

Molla's first change of plea hearing was held on Oct. 4, 2013. In that hearing, Associate Judge David A. Wiseman rejected the global plea agreement that was submitted to court.

Wiseman's rejection was based on the fact that the plea deal was for two cases, one of which had three counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree and the other case has one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the 3rd degree.

The plea deal proposed a sentence of two and a half years in prison, a term that according to Wiseman was not adequate.

Wiseman said the proposed sentence was not consistent with the court's policy of sending the proverbial message to the community that sexual abuse of a child is not a part of this society's tradition, nor should it be and that sexual violations of children will be severely punished pursuant to law when the facts of a case warrant it.

Molla was not ready then to move forward with the hearing after the rejection of the plea deal. The change of plea hearing was reset to last Wednesday, Oct. 9, and at the hearing, he maintained his guilty plea.

Wiseman's order did not mention the proposed sentence under the new deal.

Wiseman granted assistant attorney general Chemere McField's motion to dismiss the 2013 case that charged the defendant with three counts of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

Wiseman warned Molla that if he fails to appear at the Nov. 20 sentencing, a bench warrant will be issued for his arrest. Assistant public defenders Benjamin Petersburg and Michael Sato represented the defendant. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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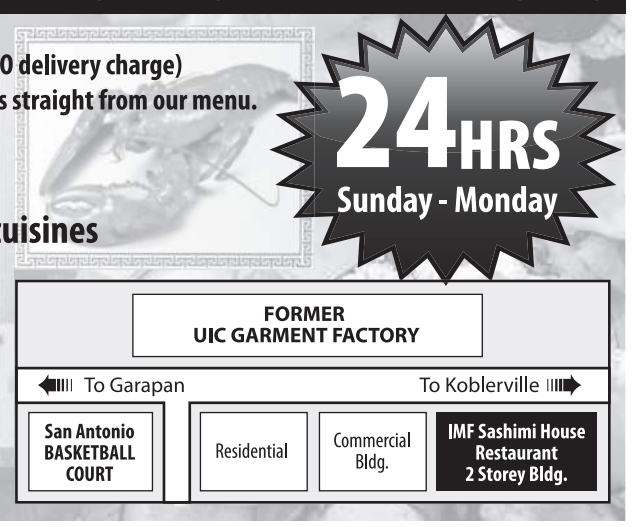

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Woodruff ducks civil contempt citation

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REPORTER

Attorney Stephen C. Woodruff dodged a civil contempt citation after complying with U. S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's order to file his reports relating to the progress of his disciplinary matter in CNMI courts.

Manglona made the ruling after a show-cause hearing on Friday.

Three days before, Manglona directed Woodruff to appear in court to explain why he should not be held in civil contempt and fined for each day of non-compliance with her order.

The judge noted that she ordered Woodruff on Aug. 8, 2013, to notify the court, in writing, within the last five days of each month, of the progress of his disciplinary matter in CNMI courts.

In her show-cause order, Manglona said a review of the docket shows that Woodruff failed to update the court in August and September on the progress on his CNMI disciplinary matter.

In his reply to the show-cause order, Woodruff said no substantive action took place in either the CNMI Supreme Court case or the Superior Court matter during the month of August 2013. He said there was no progress in August for which he would have a duty to notify the federal court.

For the month of September, the lawyer said the only action was on Sept. 19 when Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman issued an order directing him to appear on Sept. 27, 2013, to explain why the court should not find him in contempt and punished for willfully disobeying his order of disbarment dated June 7, 2013.

Woodruff said the scheduled hearing conflicted with a filing deadline for him in Betty Johnson's class action before Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and would have disrupted his preparation for the final fairness hearing in that case on Sept. 30, 2013.

At the Sept. 27 order to show-cause hearing, Woodruff said he reiterated his standing position that Wiseman needs to recuse himself from the matter, accusing the judge of bias and prejudice against him. He said Wiseman denied his motion to recuse.

Woodruff said he argued, among things, that Wiseman lacked jurisdiction to move forward with contempt proceedings, on account of his appeal.

Woodruff asked the federal court that his tardy performance in submitting his reports to the court be excused.

Woodruff told Saipan Tribune earlier that he will be correcting his default by filing reports in federal court in response to the court's show-cause order.

Woodruff said he inadvertently failed to file the reports that Manglona had included in her stay order, principally because there had been no material developments and that his attention was on other matters.

Shorter hours for Call-A-Ride

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority has reduced the hours of its Call-A-Ride operations due to the federal government shutdown.

Effective immediately, the new Call-a-Ride hours of operations will be Monday to Friday, 6:30am to 9:30am and 2:30pm to 5:30pm. It will be closed on weekends and holidays.

"We regret that this action is necessary, but declining resources leave us with very little alternatives. We shall continue to do our best to serve the people in the CNMI during the federal government shutdown period. Should there any further updates… affecting CARS operation, COTA will inform [the public] accordingly. Thank your for your understanding and patience as we work through these trying times," said the COTA statement.

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OPA junks KUTh appeal on geothermal project

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The Office of the Public Auditor has rejected Australian-based KUTh Energy's request for reconsideration of a decision to cancel a request for proposal for geothermal energy development on Saipan.

KUTh bagged the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s bid to develop geothermal energy on Saipan, only for that same request for proposal to be cancelled months later.

The Capital Improvement Project Office—not CUC—issued a new RFP later on, but for geothermal consulting services.

"Having considered all legal and factual arguments set forth by KUTh, and discussed in detail below, OPA hereby denies KUTh's request and affirms OPA Appeal Decision BP-A075," OPA said in an Oct. 2 decision by legal counsel James W. Taylor and concurred by Public Auditor Michael Pai.

KUTh's request provides four factual and legal grounds for review. These include OPA's failure to address CUC's failure to negotiate and act in good faith, and persuasive evidence supporting a finding that CUC failed to act and negotiate in good faith, if not bad faith.

The other two are OPA's failure to provide KUTh a copy of the CIP Office's June 18, 2013, response for comment as required and requested by KUTh, and CUC—through the governor—allegedly acted in bad faith when it negotiated with another independent power producer at the same time they were negotiating with KUTh.

OPA said that without evidence of bad faith, OPA will not attribute improper motives to government officials based on inferences or suppositions.

It also said that without some proof that the government intentionally strung KUTh along or intentionally misled KUTh with full knowledge that the government had no intention of pursuing any geothermal energy exploration project, such allegations do not rise to the level of bad faith.

OPA said the pursuit of multiple projects at the same time, even if mutually exclusive, does not per se equate to bad faith.

"KUTh's failure to point out any evidence of bad faith behind the decision to cancel the -048 RFP and the fact that the government subsequently solicited a similar, but substantively different, geothermal exploration solicitation, with the -024 RFP, eliminates any cause for OPA to question the government's cancellation of the -048 RFP," OPA said.

CUC issued a notice of intent to award a contract to KUTh on Jan. 27, 2012, for geothermal energy development.

Eight months later, former lieutenant governor and now governor, Eloy S. Inos, told CUC in a letter that the specifications for the geothermal project were being restructured.

The administration said at the time they would like to separate the drilling exploration from production, which they communicated with KUTh.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Catherine Pangelinan, who is celebrating her special day today, Oct. 14! May God bless you and hope your special day brings you all that your heart desires. You're the best mother a child could ever ask for! Without you I'd never do anything right. I love you so much, Mom! Wishing you a day full of pleasant surprises. Greetings coming from Loli, Joseph, Jose, and Josel .

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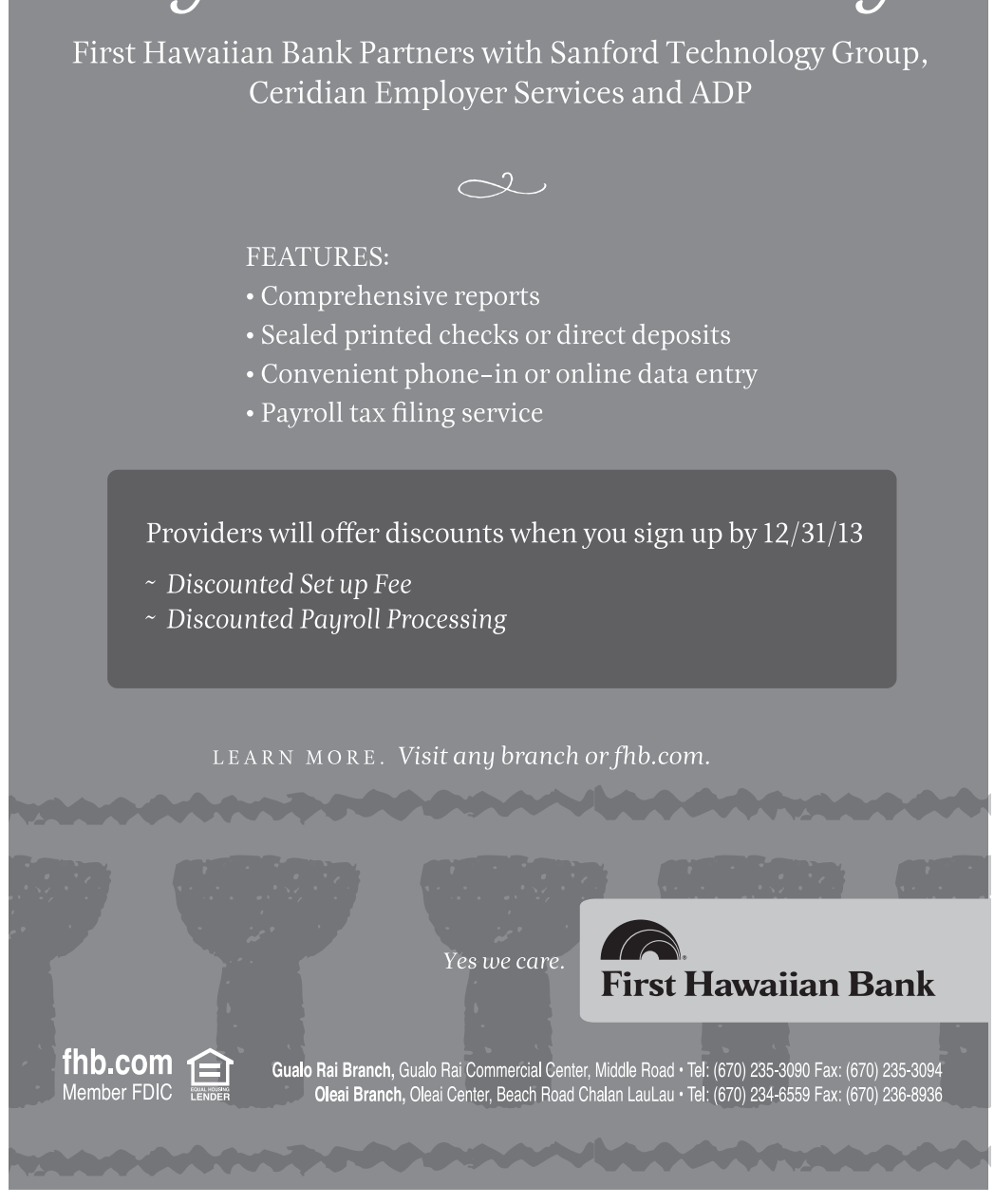
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Interested applicants must register, fill out an application and submit a DVD or any video copy of their audition piece at the Bridge Capital Building, Micro Beach Road, Garapan, on or before Nov. 8, 2013, no later than 5pm. All entries must be a Christmas-themed performance.

Application forms and official rules and regulation can be found on Bridge Capital's website at http://bccnmi.com/cnmi-got-talent3.html or visit their office at Bridge Capital building Micro Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan.

More than $8,000 in cash awaits the winners. The grand prize winner will take home $1,500 cash. The first mini-grand prize is $1,200, while the second mini-grand prize is $1,000.

Minor prizes include $500 for first runner up, $400 for second runner up, $300 for third runner up, $200 for fourth runner up, and $100 for fifth runner up.

There will also be special awards. The Governor's Choice Award is $1,000, the Best Group will get $1,000, the Best from Tinian will get $500, while the Best from Rota will get $500.

Email Mark Badal at mark.badal@bccnmi.com for inquiries.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

October 14, 2005

Verizon workers slam 'vendetta'

Over a hundred Verizon employees signed a petition asking Gov. Juan N. Babauta to intervene in the dispute between the company and the Marianas Public Lands Authority and demanding that the CNMI government stop engaging in political vendetta that may result in massive job losses at the telecom firm. Verizon's spokesperson, Carlene Reyes-Tenorio, said the employees would hold a peaceful assembly in front of the Governor's Office at around 10am today. She said the employees have volunteered to join the petition and assembly. Tenorio is the daughter of Public Works Secretary Juan S. Reyes, the Republican Party's chair who leads Babauta's reelection campaign for the upcoming November polls.

Anemic performance in FY05 arrivals

Fiscal year 2005 proved to be a lackluster year for the CNMI tourism industry, with yearend arrivals remaining in the same level as that of last year. The Northern Marianas received 529,557 visitors in FY 2005, about 2,000 less than the total arrivals in FY 2004. Arrivals from Japan, the islands' primary tourism market, dipped by 2 percent-from 384,845 in 2004 to 376,263 in 2005. Korea arrivals also declined by 6 percent-from 69,480 in 2004 to 65,049 in 2005. The U.S. market was the top performer for FY 2005, bringing in 17,672 visitors to the CNMI. This represents a 22-percent increase from FY 2004.

October 14, 2006

Port named after local ship captain

The Saipan seaport main building is now called the "Capt. George F. Fleming Memorial Building" in honor of the islands' first indigenous ship captain. Acting Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez signed Thursday a local law recognizing Fleming's contributions in the development and modernization of the seaport facility. "[T]he late George Flores Fleming was a pioneer in the development and growth of Saipan's seaport facility, through his entrepreneurial ventures in launching one of the first cargo shipping companies in the Marianas during the 1950s, and later during his tenure as a member of the board of directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority from the mid 1980s to the mid 1990s," states a portion of House Local Bill 15-26, now Saipan Local Law 15-9.

Lightning triggers power outage

A lightning that was followed by a powerful thunder yesterday caused more than an hour of power outage in San Vicente, Dandan, and airport area. Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesperson Pamela Mathis said the power outage happened at 9:46am exactly at the time when the lightning struck. Mathis said the lightning caused the fuses in several power poles to trip or open up. "In other words, it cut the current. So the lightning did, in fact, cause the current to stop on several power poles.instantaneously, all at the same time when the lighting hit," she said.

October 14, 2007

3 suggested changes to ISLA

Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio has asked U.S. lawmakers to include three additional amendments to the bill placing CNMI immigration under federal control. Tenorio, the local official most vocal about his support for immigration federalization, submitted his latest suggestions for H.R. 3079 to the House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs. The first of his proposed amendments is a provision requiring three U.S. departments to establish offices in the CNMI during the 10-year transition period. According to Tenorio, the U.S. departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and the Interior should be present on the islands to oversee the changes, rather than supervise them remotely from Washington, D.C.

'Bush administration supports federalization'

Deputy assistant secretary for Insular Affairs David Cohen argued the case for federalization during a Thursday meeting with members of an indigenous organization, saying a federal takeover of the CNMI's immigration system is the best way to go. Addressing Taotao Tano CNMI Association members and other local residents at the American Memorial Park Amphitheater in Garapan, Cohen said the Bush administration has supported the idea of federalizing the CNMI's immigration system since 2001.

Ariah Jade tops MARPAC's Baby Pageant

Wearing a case-worth of baby diapers fashioned into a fairy costume, doe-eyed Aria Jade Villagomez won this year's edition of the Baby Pageant, the highlight of Saturday's "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" event.

The 1-year-old's beaming parents thanked organizer MARPAC, Huggies Diapers, and the judges for choosing their daughter as the winner of the baby competition.

The baby's mother, Rita Carreon, said that Baby Ariah's Tinkerbell-like costume was fashioned entirely out of Huggies Diapers and some recycled material from old costumes.

Jake Villagomez, Carreon's better half, said that Carreon consumed a whole case of diapers to make the winning outfit and stayed up the whole night on the eve of the competition to make the finishing touches.

Carreon said the costume actually took a week to make, from design to the actual stitching together of the diapers and other materials. She thanked Aesuk Sablan for helping in the costume's design and Villagomez for letting her go through the whole case of Huggies.

As their prize, the Villagomez's took home a spanking new baby travel system, Huggies Diapers and Wipes, and baby formula.

Finishing second was Colin Jay Fejeran after the 1-year-old showed up at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center wearing an innovative turtle costume made from diapers. Third place went to Memzie Elieisar who had a mermaid costume fashioned out of Huggies. Tritan Ranili and Kadmielle Dwane Sales rounded up the rest of the competition.

Aside from the Baby Pageant, the all-day "2013 Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Fair, and Daddies too!" also saw Huggies draw the grand prize winners of its current promotion.

Winning a one-year supply of Enfamil baby formula was Adrian Ada, a 25-year-old father-to-be from Koblerville. He said the baby formula would come in handy as their baby is on the way.

Melissa Malakas was the lucky winner of a one-year supply of Huggies Diapers and Wipes.

Saturday's event also included a lot of production numbers and parlor games, including a Diaper Derby, Quick Crawl, and Baby Bottle Drinker.

MARPAC consumer manager Tom Basa said he was pleasantly surprised that, despite Saturday's inclement weather, the 2013 Baby Fair still managed to draw between 250 and 300 attendees. He said last year's event topped at 250.

Basa promised a better and bigger Baby Fair for 2014. He also congratulated all the winners and thanked all the participants of the event. He also extended his gratitude to the hard-working staff of MARPAC for making the event possible and also the sponsors, which donated handsomely to the event.

MARPAC also featured some its other products during the fair, including Huggies Diapers and Wipes, SUN detergents, Enfamil formulas, Glade, Windex, Scrubbing Bubbles, OFF Spray, Scott, Cottonelle tissue, among others. ***(Mark Rabago)***

2 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the North LauLau Beach and Unai Dangkulo and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

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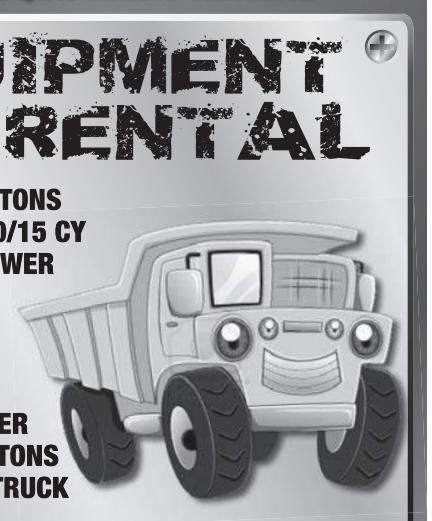

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The right direction

Having acceded once, and disastrously, to the demands of a rump group of tea-party-affiliated Republicans, House Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, is now actually leading the Shutdown Caucus in the right direction—albeit not very far. On Thursday, Boehner and other top House Republicans called for a temporary increase in the government's borrowing authority, which would prevent the Treasury from running out of cash in about a week. Although President Obama didn't embrace the offer immediately, it was one of several signs that the fiscal deadlock that has paralyzed Washington—again—may be easing.

Yet it's hard to take much relief from the latest developments. The House Republicans' plan wouldn't end the partial government shutdown they instigated in a misbegotten bid to derail the 2010 healthcare law. And as part of the deal, they want to ban the Treasury Department from taking extraordinary steps to avoid default when the temporary borrowing authority expires in six weeks. Such a ban would increase the risk of Washington stiffing some creditors, beneficiaries and contractors in November.

Senate Republicans, meanwhile, are developing a proposal to end the government shutdown in exchange for a few less-controversial changes to the healthcare law. But like Boehner's plan, their offer would raise the debt limit only temporarily, setting the stage for them to threaten the government's credit again in a few weeks to force more concessions.

The GOP's supporters say there's nothing novel about bargaining over an increase in the debt ceiling. But this time, influential Republicans in both chambers contend there's nothing to fear about the Treasury running short of cash; it would still have enough revenue to make its debt payments. That's mind-bogglingly Panglossian. As numerous business leaders, economists and financiers have warned, there would be real financial consequences if Congress decided for the first time in 231 years not to pay some of the bills it had rung up. Nor is there any guarantee that the Treasury could alter its payment systems to favor some creditors over others.

Failing to raise the debt limit on time would drive up interest rates, damaging the economy and exacerbating the federal budget deficit Republicans say they want to reduce. So instead of suggesting ways to face the limit again in a few weeks, or to make it harder to avoid a default, Republicans should recognize that limiting the government's ability to keep its commitments isn't the way to narrow the deficit or slow the accumulation of debt. The right place to address those issues is by negotiating a budget for the current fiscal year, a process House Republican leaders had blocked until Thursday. And in the meantime, Republicans should agree to end the shutdown and stop using the debt ceiling as a negotiating tool.

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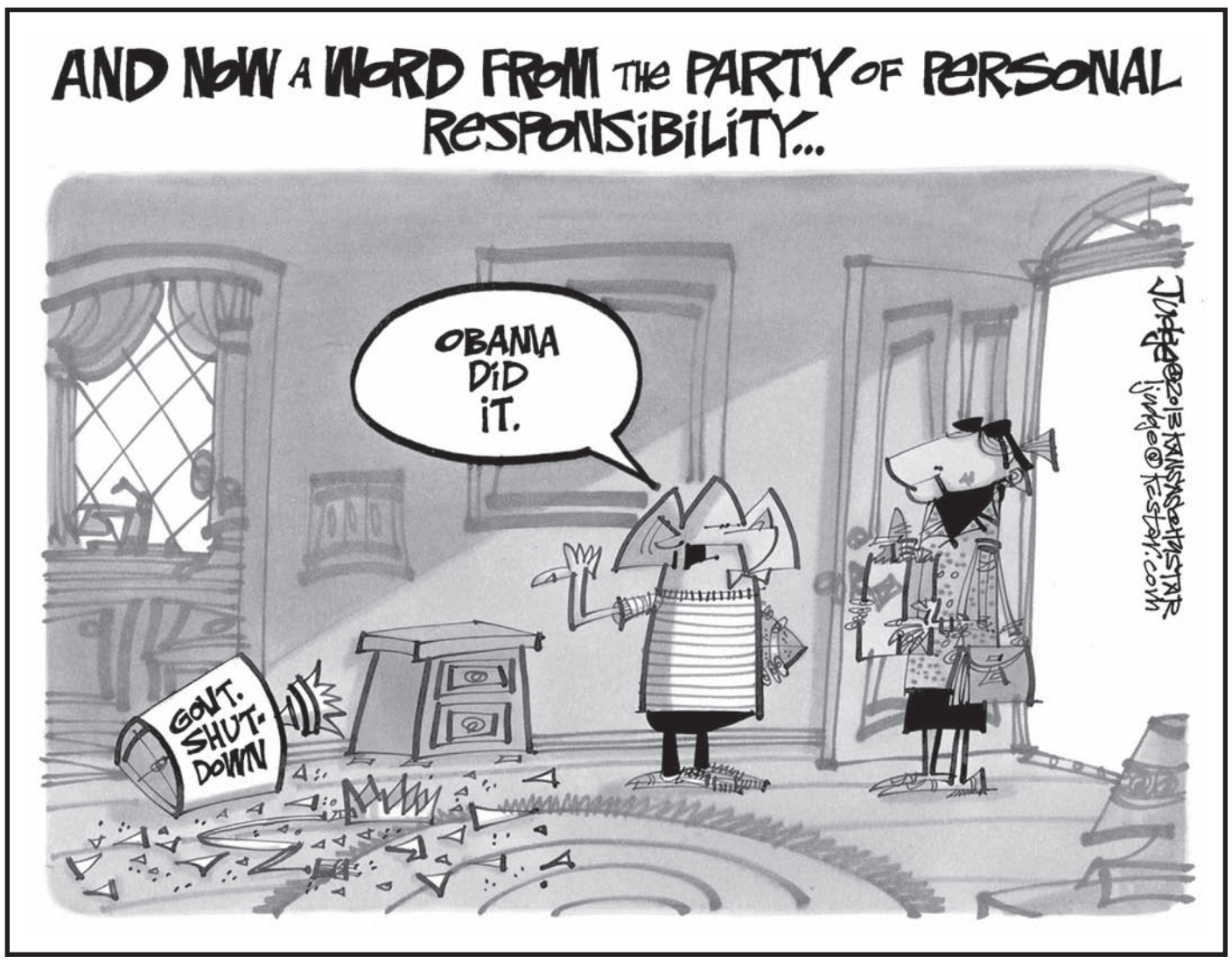

Family and class reunions

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"I need to have a dollar for the bus," my mother said as she laid in bed on the fourth floor of the Kuakini geriatric care ward in Honolulu. "I have not seen Papa for six days and I want to visit him at home."

My Papa died seven years ago so I corrected her "six days" to "six years." I do remember earlier when I last saw mother still relatively healthy at her apartment and held the same conversation. I told her that Papa rested at Mililani Memorial Park. Mother visibly got misty eyed. She was still in touch with reality, if only occasionally. The hospital staff usually indulges mother when she talks about going to see father by handing her a dollar for the bus. She is no longer ambulatory so the intent dies as quickly as it comes, and the dollar gets recycled again and again.

Our trip this October to Hawaii was primarily to visit 93-year-old mother, consigned to 24/7 care at Hale Pulama Mau of Honolulu. She had hip surgery and suffers osteopathic cracking of the ribs. In our family of five siblings, the three youngest reside in Hawaii. We have a chaplain at the Honolulu Police Department who hosted my stay, a Board of Pardons investigator who sympathizes with the native sovereignty movement by sleeping under the stars outside my sister's residence, and the runt of the family, a nurse at the Kapiolani Children's hospital. Retired eldest sister taught school and lives in Manila, and I teach in the northeast of China. The kinship bonding among the four, inevitable, nevertheless, was formidable.

It also happened while I was in Honolulu that members of my high school class of 1960 gathered at the Ala Moana hotel 53 years after class graduation, with members coming from NYC, LA, SF, Detroit, Toronto, and Manila, along with local folks from Oahu, Maui, and Kaui. No one expected a China rep until I stealthily segued into the crowd. While I was not primarily in town to frolic, to see classmates we had not seen for the last 50 years was a treat. We also noted the intransigence of made-up images versus just the genuine making up for the long separation in years.

Now, why would my family and class reunions have anything to do with the price of Garapan Thursday pork *bbq*? Nothing of immediate commercial consequence save to remind myself, and thereby the readers, of the latent wealth and inexorable treasure of our human connections and how one might pay attention to it up close and personal.

The family is often the first one we dismiss or take for granted. Depending on which side of the bed we rise from in the morning, we are either decrying the inadequacies of our parents or holding them to promises we presume they will deliver sooner than later. We never really take seriously our parents the way they are! They are either summarily condemned or sentimentally idolized.

Same is true with siblings. Rivalries do not occur because of phobia of proximity, or the scarcity of resource and assets to go around so everyone needed to compete. In fact, there is sufficiency in talent and opportunity to go around for everyone to feel secure in their own wellbeing. But there is something in the errors and mistakes, shortcomings and misgivings of our loved ones that do not displease us, especially when it makes us feel good about ourselves in the process.

Among Pinoys, this is known as carrying one's own seat *(ina-angat ang sariling upuan)*, or enhancing one's role *(pumapapel)* at the expense of others. Among members of the same family, this takes the form of constant broadcast of deeds accomplished, or endless heralding of roles played with significant personages on prominent occasions, or at critical events, never mind if there is any interest.

It is no different with classmates. Mine were the *creme de la crème* for the year 1960 in the province of Ilocos Norte (where one of its famous and/or infamous sons, the former "martial law" President Ferdinand Marcos, hailed from). INHS offers quality public secondary education for the province, now a national high school. So the talent amongst classmates at the gathering was thick, and the pride evident, both the real and the showy kind. Time was too valuable for the fake and the artificial. We wallowed on the former and ignored the latter.

The family is humanity's preeminent social institution, from the Levant to Mississippi and points in between. A new law in China penalizes children who do not visit or get in touch with their parents within a year, a law that probably is not enforceable but the fact that it was enacted points to the rapid deterioration of the vaunted filial loyalty within Chinese society.

My family visit and kinship bonding and the relational ease at my class reunion did not come easy as the culture of apprehension and distance, so prevalent these days in our security-conscious world, and the fear and suspicion of relations' abuse currently widespread everywhere, found us tiptoeing around siblings, cautious toward classmates.

But, like other human endeavors, there are no automatic outcomes. One has to work for desired results. We did. With Mama and kin and classmates, we managed to hold memorable visits. We are pleased and grateful.

Tinian Dynasty's debacle

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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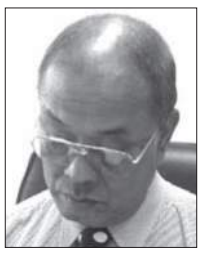

When Uncle Sam sends in the IRS—the fiscal equivalence of the superbly skilled Navy Seal—it usually means serious trouble.

Recently, the IRS descended on the Tinian Dynasty, owned by Hong Kong Entertainment and headed by Mr. Michael Kwan, for various alleged tax violations, from money laundering to non-payment of employees for several pay periods.

Kwan is notorious for not paying his employees on time. The U.S. Department of Labor investigated his company, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, for the periods of Feb. 6, 1999, to Feb. 9, 2001, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 and found his company owed employees back wages. Perhaps the U.S. Department of Labor should explain why it has not prosecuted and imposed criminal sanctions/penalties against Kwan and Tinian Dynasty. Or is this in the process now?

In several recent cases, the U.S. government has penalized company owners and officers for failing to pay overtime while imposing stiff fines and even imprisonment. In one case, the president of a Minnesota sheetrock firm was sentenced to two years in prison and a potential fine of $3.3 million for intentionally underpaying employee overtime and benefit contributions.

"This sentencing shows that the Labor Department is committed to ensuring that justice is served for those who steal from their workers," said James Purcell, acting regional director of the U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration, Kansas City Regional Office.

Under the Fair Labor Standards Act, willful violators may be prosecuted criminally and fined up to $10,000. A second conviction may result in imprisonment. Employers who willfully or repeatedly violate minimum wage or overtime pay requirements are subject to civil money penalties of up to $1,100 per violation.

The FLSA definition of "employer" can be very broad. Along with supervisors and high-ranking executives, it can also include officers and directors.

Reportedly, Dynasty owes the CNMI some $30 million, money we must demand payment for to cover the 25-percent cut in retirees' pension that goes into effect this Tuesday, Oct. 15.

I'm sure the thorough paper trail by the IRS should include specific tax violations that could only be presented in court. Sure, let's give Mr. Kwan his day in court.

But the damage is done. News reports plastered all over the global media have given the CNMI an unearned, indelible black eye. It triggers the suspicion that Tinian is home to corrupt activities by a casino operator.

It further focuses attention on alleged human trafficking and the violation of civil rights of hotel employees who are owed money for several pay periods. The hardship sinks further when foreign hotel workers fail to send remittances to families back home for familial needs. Does this matter to Mr. Kwan?

The feds and central NMI and Tinian municipal governments must all descend upon Mr. Kwan to pay the $30 million in taxes owed. The mayor of Tinian could eventually pay his employees whose income relies on taxes owed the municipality by Dynasty. The governor could funnel a majority of the total owed to the Fund.

Reportedly, too, a new firm has taken over majority stock or control of Tinian Dynasty. If such is the case, then it stands to reason to facilitate Mr. Kwan's expulsion but ensure that he pays taxes owed the CNMI government. Upon full payment, the Legislature ought to adopt a resolution declaring Mr. Kwan a PNG (*persona non-grata*) in the CNMI. He deserves it after all the negative attention we had to endure from his alleged tax evasion schemes and violation of employees' civil rights.

It's tough fiscal times on the islands. Thus, local leadership must toughen up resolve to go after businesses that owe the local coffers millions of dollars. Mr. Kwan owes the CNMI over $30 million. He's more than overstayed his welcome. It's time to provide Thunder Bird Service by escorting him to the airport for his last *adios*.

Obama, DC types fear Cruz

The Washington establishment from both sides of the political spectrum finally buckled to gridlock politics as the blame game implodes into the calm skies of the nation's capital. "The people with power and prestige in D.C., live with only one goal in mind: to keep the cushy, prestigious, jobs that many have turned into careers," according to David Asman of Fox News and former WSJ editorial features editor.

Politicians from both sides took turns vilifying Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, attributable to one thing: fear. Cruz, whose boots glistens with dew from the grassroots, has a daunting list of credentials that cannot be lightly dismissed. He memorized the Constitution at age 13 and was the valedictorian of his high school class. He was the national debate champion his senior year at Princeton, from where he graduated with high honors.

"Cruz was the first Hispanic editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, went to the semi-finals of the 1995 World Debate Championships, and graduated with honors from Harvard Law. Cruz was the first Hispanic intern to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and argued numerous critical cases in front of the Supreme Court as the solicitor general of Texas."

He can articulate conservative principles in a manner that no one since President Reagan could, and this frightens Democrats to their core. Ted Cruz wants all members of Congress to be held truly accountable, and will help the American people to make that happen.

Washington thrives off a disengaged and uninformed public. Cruz's entire strategy depends on the opposite: engaging the public to the degree that we are the driving force behind action in Washington and that a light shines on all of the shady, previously unaccountable, backroom deals. He'll eventually pull the GOP together that begins with the takeover of the U.S. Senate in 2014.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help! I've been robbed!

I need a policeman! I've been robbed! I checked my bank account and 25 percent of my retirement check is gone! Who stole that money? Who's been arrested? No one's been arrested? Why? If you took a gun and robbed a bank, would you be arrested? Of course, you say. Why? Could it be that we have laws against robbing banks? Of course we do. Do we have laws against the reduction or delay of retirement benefits? Of course we do. Then why has no one been arrested? Isn't the governor the "chief executive officer" of the CNMI government? Governor Inos, defend me, a taxpaying, voting, CNMI citizen. Why haven't you had the perpetrator of the theft of 25 percent of all the honest retired taxpayers arrested for this crime? If you don't arrest the perpetrator soon and return all those retirees' money (yes, it is the retirees' money, *not* the government's money), the Legislature will have to arrest you for dereliction of duty! Can we count on you?

The CNMI government is endowed with limited powers by the people through the CNMI Constitution. Thus the Constitution is the ultimate law in the CNMI. In the CNMI Constitution, Article 3 (the same section that creates the Office of the Governor by the way), Section 20, paragraph a) states very clearly: "Accrued benefits of this system shall be neither diminished nor impaired." So if any retiree's payment is to become less in size, say 25 percent less, or to be less than in whole condition, say 25 percent less than whole, then the law, the Constitution, has been broken and just like the law-breaking bank robber, this lawbreaker should be thrown in jail too!

All of our elected officials take their oath of office to "defend the Constitution." Who's defending the Constitution? If we are not going to have our constitutional rights defended by our governor and our Legislature, then maybe it has to fall on our attorney general or even our dedicated policemen to arrest the perpetrators and throw them in jail for what is easily the biggest theft of money in CNMI history!

This is the biggest shame we have been forced to face since the Spanish tried to commit genocide on Tinian and the Japanese defiled many local citizens when the war came to Saipan. Worst of all this shame is on us. This shame is threatening *our* Constitution, the Constitution so many of our forefathers fought long and hard for. This shame is from within, our very own local elected leaders who *fagaga* us, thinking we're not smart enough or strong enough to defend our constitutional rights and make them give back what we were forced to give them over the past 20-plus years.

Are we going to allow this to happen like we're just sheep? Or, are we going to make our elected leaders follow our very own Constitution? I'm fighting for our Constitution, that's why I wrote this letter to start with and will do much more in the next few weeks. What are you going to do? Will you stand up and show your Chamorro and Carolinian pride? Or be a sheep and let it slide?

Michael Murphy
Capital Hill, Saipan

No turning back

"You need to reset your button on comprehension or perception or both, specifically on who do you represent."

I hate to comment on such a statement as above, but I am compelled to write my opinion on this issue. Growing up in the mainland United States, in the most ethnically diverse state in the nation called California, I was conditioned to speak up for my rights and for the right of others. But there were times that I had to call it quits and move on with life, for it will be detrimental to go against the norm of society. In life, we learn to swim with the current, not against it, to see another day.

Our founding fathers sold our souls and future to Uncle Sam and there was no turning back for our so-called island chain. I am very confused with the way things are being implemented in our culture. We nurture the ideas of being the land of the free and we take billions of dollars from our dearest Uncle Sam, yet at the same time some of us would try to distance ourselves from the ideals of being an American. The United States is a nation made up of diverse ethnicities and each and every one is protected by the due process of the law of the land.

The late Honorable Joe Reyes Cruz (Pinchang) told my late father that "there was no turning back for our Chamorro culture, for other ethnicities will take over the island chain in the future and it will be possible via the United States [Constitution] or Americano." I was very young at the time when my late father would discuss such issues with my late cousin Pinchang after each movie showing at our movie theater on Tinian, during the plebiscite in the CNMI for us to create a political union with the United States.

It is un-American to let someone toil our land and then say, "Thank you very much and you may leave now." It reminded me of a slogan in the early '80s in the United States which stated, "Welcome to California and now leave." Such statement targeted refugees from Southeast Asia, but they were the most productive group throughout the United States at that point in time.

To my dearest brothers and sisters of the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands, do we want to continue to be in a political union with the United States? If so, we need to respect the American way of life and let us nurture other ethnicities throughout our island chain. But if we want to preserve our culture and our indigenous way of life, we need to start from somewhere and let us lead our people to independence and let us do something for ourselves as a whole.

To John and Frank, I respect your tenacity but we need to stop blaming others for our founding fathers' mistakes and we need to respect the legalization of the so-called "our cultural genocide" via the U.S. Constitution. The floodgate was opened the day our founding father sold our souls and future to Uncle Sam and there is nothing we can do but to become an independent island chain.

Segundo Castro
Marpo Valley, Tinian

In memoriam

On Friday morning I opened *Saipan Tribune* to read about CNMI events and then was struck by the news of Jess Wabol's passing. While I did not spend as much time as many folks in the CNMI did with Mr. Wabol, as we fondly knew him, I worked closely with him while we both worked at the Public School System. I organized and ran Palau League for eight years and Jess played in our league for all those times. We played together with Team PSS, winning two pennants and two championships and we certainly brought much pride to PSS.

Jess always helped me with school track meets, cross country meets, flag football, school level softball, not to mention his role at SML and RGA. He will be missed by so many people from all across the region. He was like a brother to me, he was quiet and never failed to correct me or made suggestions to me for he knew that I would listen. Today I join the Rogolofois, the Tebutebs (Ray and Tom), Sid Kani, Brian Adelbai, Tony Satur, Bob Coldeen, Joe Torres, Newman Techur and many others to thank you, Jess, 'til we meet again.

Patrick U. Tellei, EdD
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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.
▲86° ▼76°

TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 mph.
▲87° ▼76°

WEDNESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲85° ▼76°

THURSDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲87° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲89	▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼74
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲66	▼60
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼42
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼78
Honolulu	Showers	▲84	▼73
London	Showers	▲55	▼45
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼55
Manila	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼70
New York	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼50
Osaka	Sunny	▲80	▼62
Paris	Showers	▲57	▼51
Pusan	Sunny	▲76	▼63
Rome	Sunny	▲75	▼57
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲62	▼42
San Francisco	Sunny	▲70	▼53
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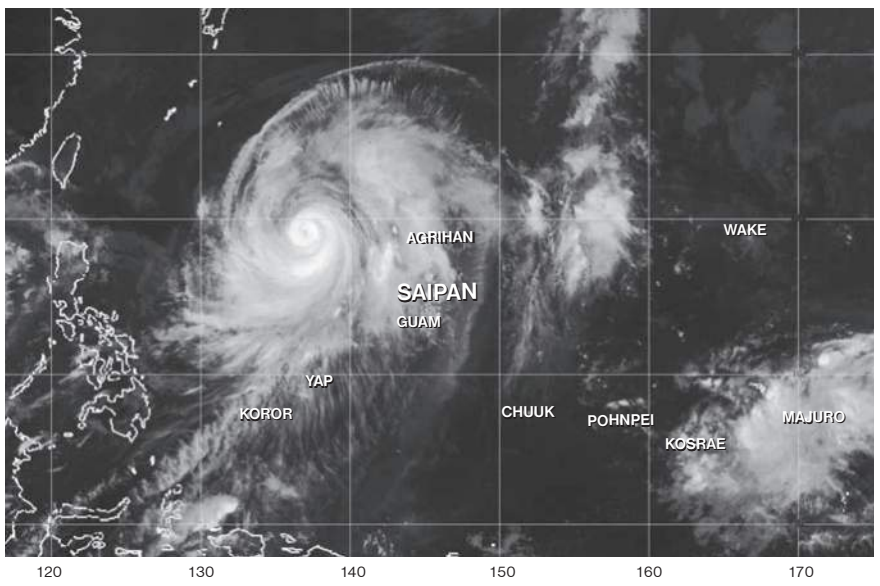
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼61
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼53

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Wipha (25W) centered 620 miles west-northwest of Saipan at 19N137E is moving northwestward at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Scattered to numerous showers with heavy rain and isolated thunderstorms are seen from north of Palau and Yap over the Marianas to Iwo To island within 500 miles of a line from 10N135E to 25N143E. For more information on Wipha, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and also Public Advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A surface trough that extends northeastward from 15N151E to 21N154E is interacting with an upper-level trough that extends southward from a low centered near 24N155E to 20N155E to generate scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Minami Tori Shima to west of Wake Island north of a line from 16N153E to 16N159E. A surface trough extends southeastward from 12N158E to a weak circulation centered near Majuro at 7N160E then curves northeastward to end near 12N179E. The trough and circulation are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Kosrae across the Marshall Islands within 230 miles of a line from 2N165E to 10N175E. Low-level convergence is igniting scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms well south of Koror within 60 miles of a line from EQ130E to 3N136E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:25 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
10:29 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
11:34 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Wednesday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Thursday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Friday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:21 PM	1:28 AM
Tuesday	3:07 PM	2:25 AM
Wednesday	3:52 PM	3:21 AM
Thursday	4:36 PM	4:16 AM
Friday	5:20 PM	5:11 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 8, 2013

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

0Z608	3:10am	6:20am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
0Z604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)

SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

0Z606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/PR111	8:35am	4:45pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5074/PR111	11:20am	4:45pm	1, 5, 7 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5076/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
0Z604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
0Z604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA5073	10:00am	10:50am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

0Z607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

0Z603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN

SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

PR110/UA5072	7:35am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	7:55am	12:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
0Z704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

0Z746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
0Z722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
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Aeronautical Dolphins ready to defend national championship

The Marianas High School Aeronautical Dolphins is raring to defend its national title in the Real World Design Challenge, which it won last April amidst long odds.

Three members of the Aeronautical Dolphins, along with coach John Raulerson, were last Tuesday's guests at the weekly Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan and they said they are currently recruiting new members to join the team.

"The kickoff for the [2014] Read World Design Challenge is Oct. 10 this Thursday. So what Marianas High School is doing is getting new students to join since me and Jess [Jessica Bigueras] are the only remaining members of the team [from] last year and Clariza [Magat] graduated high school already," said Jill Arada.

Aside from Arada, Magat, and Bigueras, the 2013 RWDC national championship team was also made up of Stephanie Xiao, Cecilia Huixin Xu, and John Paul Aglubat.

Arada said the MHS Aeronautical Dolphins would be training new members so they can lead future generations of Marianas High School students to make their own mark in the Real World Design Challenge.

"We're very, very lucky to have had this opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. and be around people who really did a good job in the competition like us," said Bigueras.

To this day they still couldn't believe the MHS Aeronautical Dolphins won the coveted national championship.

"They had all the teams gather in the auditorium of the National 4H Youth Center in Washington, D.C. and then they announced merit awards. There are 10 merit awards. If a team gets a merit award they can't place in the Top 3 anymore. So all the merit awards were all gone and they were calling the Top 3 teams," said Arada.

She said organizers announced the Top 3 winners in alphabetical order, which added to the confusion.

"So I was thinking they will call Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas first but they called New Hampshire and then Pennsylvania and then I thought they missed the letter 'C' and then they said 'The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,'" said Arada.

Even Raulerson, their indefatigable coach, couldn't believe the team from MHS, an underdog if there ever was one, turned out to the top dog of the competition.

"I was basically telling J.P. [John Paul Aglubat] right here that 'hey we're not going to get anything this year. We won a merit award last year and we're not going to get anything this year.' So I'm getting ready for failure for us but they came out with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands that made me so proud. To me that's the No. 1 moment right there when the emcee said that the 'Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' won the competition."

Winning the national title was also an unforgettable experience for Magat and one she would cherish all her life.

"It came as a surprise to all of us because we thought we did horrible in front of everyone," Magat said. "The feeling of people standing up and clapping for you and you have no idea who they are, it was just a great feeling."

The win also was a life-changing event for Bigueras.

"According to Clarissa, I was the loudest when I screamed. It's actually my first time to join RWDC last year and what actually made me join this whole thing is I'm interested in aviation but I wasn't interested in becoming an engineer. But after doing the whole experience I'm actually considering it as one of my career choices," said Bigueras.

Raulerson said the 2013 RWDC national championship was not only the first national championship in the Western Pacific including Guam, but was also a national championship in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, and design.

"There's a great group of kids here at Marianas High School. This is not easy to get. People just don't understand. We got 50,000 people here. California has 58 million. We beat California and California is just one of the many giants that we beat. This trophy should be magnified a hundred times. We are the smallest entity there and the smallest to have ever won a national championship, the smallest. We're the only U.S. territory that has won a national championship and these kids really have broken the barrier."

According to its website, "the Real World Design Challenge is an annual competition that provides high school students, grades 9-12, the opportunity to work on real world engineering challenges in a team environment. Each year, student teams will be asked to address a challenge that confronts the nation's leading industries. Students will use professional engineering software to develop their solutions and will also generate presentations that convincingly demonstrate the value of their solutions. The RWDC provides students with opportunities to apply the lessons of the classroom to the technical problems that are being faced in the workplace."

For more information about the competition, visit www.realworlddesignchallenge.org. ***(Mark Rabago)***

MARK RABAGO

Members of the Marianas Aeronautical Dolphins, along with their coach John Raulerson, served as guest speakers of the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting last Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

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-v-	:	
LUCIA BORJA PALACIOS, Defendant.	:	

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on April 10, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot No. 218-2-5, situated in As Teo, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly bounded and described as follows:

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the point of beginning.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 27th day of September, 2013:

/s/MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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RAMON P. AGULTO and DALIA R. AGULTO, Defendants.	:	

SIXTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on June 16, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot 001 G 32, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 G 02 of which was recorded March 20, 1986, as Document No. 86-0513,at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan and also recorded on February 16, 1989, as Document No. 89-511, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, the description therein being incorporated herein by this reference.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

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DONALD C. CAMACHO, Defendant.	:	

FOURTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on May 4,2011, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 001 C 60 (formerly part of Lot 001 C 56, which was part of Lot 001 C 26, which was part of original Lot 001 C 05, T.D. 697), situated in San Roque Village, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 C 12, the original of which was recorded 27 August 1999 as Document No. 99-2037 at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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In the Matter of the Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	)	**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0468T**
	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
A.J.B.S. (10/8/2002) Minor Child	)	
By:	)	
Antonia Barcinas Sablan Petitioner	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on October 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Tinian Courthouse, before Honorable Judge David A. Wiseman.

Dated this 11th day of October, 2013.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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Bicyclists now get 'three feet' of roadway

By THOMAS A. MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Dozens of bicyclists road their bikes to the Sabalu Market early Saturday morning to witness the signing of a bill into Public Law 18-24 that now requires motorists to maintain at least three feet of space when passing bicyclists or until there is enough room to pass safely.

Gov. Eloy Inos signed the bill and said he was happy to do so after witnessing a group of bicyclists at this year's Fourth of July parade wearing shirts that stated, "Give us three feet"—of roadway, that is.

» New law requires drivers to stay three feet away

"This is ideal because we have so many bicyclists now and we really need that road safety to protect not just the bicyclists but also the drivers," said Kanae Quinn, herself a bicyclist and "Hell of the Marianas" race director. "We should all be working together on the road to be safe and promote biking. This law is a great step forward [to protecting bicyclists]"

The bill, authored by House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), mandates that no vehicles may be operated to the left side of the center line of the roadway when passing another vehicle or bicycle in the same direction unless the left side is clearly visible and is free of incoming traffic for a sufficient distance.

Motorists will now have to allow a distance of not less than 3 feet when passing a bicyclist heading in the same direction.

Many bicyclists that were at the proclamation singing wore the neon yellow shirts that kindled the creation of the bill.

One cyclist said that he came close to getting into an accident while biking and, on one occasion, a car brushed against him.

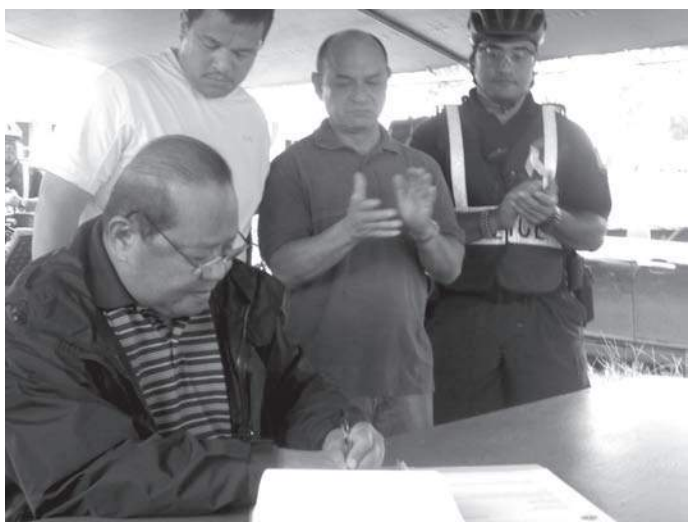
"This law will prevent many accidents from happening," he said. "The roads are now safer. We just need to do our part to follow the law."

Demapan shared that he would like the Marianas Visitors Authority to make tourists aware of the new law so that they can exercise appropriate safety measures when driving around the island.

As of last month at least 23 states have passed similar laws that protect bicyclists and require motorists to exercise caution on the road.

Bikers ride their bikes to the Sabalu Market in Susupe last Saturday for the proclamation singing. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Participants pose for a photo after riding their bikes to the Sabalu Market and before the singing of the proclamation that will now make roads safer for them to ride on. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II



Gov. Inos sings the proclamation flanked by public officials. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Participants pose for a photo wearing their give us "3 feet please" shirts. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

Public officials and participants gather for a group photo at the Sabalu Market. Seen in the front row are local cops who accompanied the participants on their bikes as well during their ride to the Sabalu Market. THOMAS A. MANGLONA II

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Oct. 16 from 10am to 3:30pm. The public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated above. The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. ***(PR)***

CLI Open House set

The public is invited to an Open House for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI on Oct. 31, 2013, from 10am to 2pm, at Bldg No. 1366 on Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill. The Center is dedicated to assisting people with disabilities to live independently. For more information, call Lydia D. Igitol, executive director, or Matilde Selepeo, office assistant at 322-4303/4304; fax: 322-2077; or email clicnmi2005@yahoo.com. ***(PR)***

Soroptimist Club NMI sets charter fete on Oct. 27

Soroptimist International of Northern Mariana Islands will hold its charter celebration on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at the Kanoa Resort Saipan from 11am to 2pm. Tickets are being sold for $35 per person.

The group will charter with 18 members who represent professions that include banking, retail, airlines, government sector, etc. Jill Arenovski from Seafix, Inc. will be installed as the club's first president.

For more information about Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands, contact Arenovski at (670) 287-9395 or sinorthernmarianaislands@soroptimist.net. ***(PR)***

CHCC invites NMI community to open forums

The Commonwealth Health Care Corp. is inviting the public to a series of community meetings. These community meetings will kick off with the Rota forum at the Dialysis Room of the Rota Health Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013 from 7pm to 8:30pm. Next up is the Tinian forum at the Tinian Junior/Senior High School cafeteria on Oct. 21, 2013, from 6pm to 7pm. The Saipan forum will be held at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Oct. 24, 2013, from 5:30pm to 7pm.

For more information, on Saipan call Jesse Tudela at 234-8950 Ext. 3101; on Rota, call Rota Health Center resident director Sydie Taisacan at 532-9461; and on Tinian, call Tinian Health Center resident director William "Bill" Cing at 433-9263. ***(CHCC)***

Kagman High School schedule

Kagman High School students, parents and guardians, take note of next week's schedule:

■ Monday, Oct. 14: Columbus Day holiday—no classes

■ Tuesday, Oct. 15: State Professional Development—no classes

■ Wednesday, Oct. 16: State Professional Development—no classes

■ Thursday, Oct. 17: Kagman Schools Joint Progress Report—Half-day session. Elementary students will be released at 12pm. Junior high and high school students will be released at 12:30pm. Progress report pick up will be at the Kagman Elementary from 4pm to 6pm.

If you miss it on Thursday, Kagman High representatives will be present at the GTC and Tanapag elementary campuses on Friday, Oct. 18, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for any parents in the north side to pick up Kagman High student progress reports.

■ Friday, Oct. 18: Full day (regular class session)

For more information, call KHS main office at 237-3840 or e-mail khsayuyu@kagmanhigh.org. ***(PR)***

KagES announcements

The Kagman Schools Joint 1st Quarter mid-progress night will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, from 4pm to 6pm at the Kagman Elementary School Campus. It will be half-day for all KagES students (Grades K-5th); they will be released at 12pm. You are highly encouraged to please come and meet your child's teacher(s).

Also, there will be no classes on Oct. 14 and 15 for students because of the following reasons:

■ Oct. 14: Holiday, Commonwealth Cultural Day

■ Oct. 15: Northeast Cluster Professional Development

Contact 664-3913 or 237-3965 or email ruth.calvo@cnmipss.org for more information. ***(PR)***

SAES PTSA meeting set

San Antonio Elementary School will have its PTSA meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 22, starting at 6pm in the school cafeteria. ***(PR)***

HEART TO HART RAYNARD C. TRAVILLA/NMC

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, far right, answers questions at a recent "Heart to Hart," which was part of two recent open meetings between the president and NMC students. At the meetings, Hart listened to students' concerns and provided information on a variety of important topics, such as accreditation.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-14-002

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF TYPHOON RECOVERY MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials for CUC Power Division, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $80.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

CUC may award a contract to more than one firm for the materials, based on bids for "Commodity Groups".

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-14-002, Supply & Delivery of Typhoon Recovery Materials"*, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 14, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

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All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **October 28, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

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Business

Dual crises: Govt shutdown and debt limit could merge

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats and Republicans regularly warn about the dire consequences of legislation they don't like. Often it's gloom-and-doom partisan hype.

This time, though, people already are feeling the fallout as twin tempests—the partial government shutdown and a potential default on the country's debts—threaten to form a single economic-policy superstorm.

The shutdown began Oct. 1 because a divided Congress couldn't agree on a budget. Thousands of federal workers are furloughed, national parks are closed and many nonessential governmental services are dialed back or put on hold.

The shutdown doesn't directly threaten Social Security, other mandatory benefits or U.S. interest payments on the national debt.

Breaching the debt limit would.

Unless Congress raises that limit soon, the government will run out of the authority to borrow and pay its bills on Thursday, the Treasury Department says.

A default would challenge the U.S. dollar's status as the world's "reserve" currency. More than 60 percent of all foreign country reserves are in U.S. dollars, the prime currency in international trade.

"Without enough money to pay its bills, any of its payments are at risk—including all government spending, mandatory payments, interest on our debts, and payments to U.S. bondholders," the bipartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget said in a recent report.

A look at what you need to know about the two fiscal matters:

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The debt ceiling is the legal limit to all federal borrowing, an absolute ceiling on the national debt that cannot be breached.

It can be raised.

Since Congress first established a limit in 1917, it has been raised roughly 100 times. Raising the statutory limit does not authorize borrowing for new spending. It only allows the government to keep borrowing to pay existing bills.

The government borrows money mostly by selling Treasury bills, notes and other securities, including U.S. savings bonds. Individuals, mutual funds, corporations and governments worldwide buy the bonds.

Paying interest on these bonds is one of the government's largest single expenses.

AP

In this Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013 photo, a pedestrian walks past the U.S. Treasury Building in Washington on a rainy day.

In the budget year that ended Sept. 30, the government made $396 billion in interest payments, including payments on bonds held in some government accounts such as the Social Security Trust Fund.

The national debt is the accumulation of annual budget deficits. It first crossed the $1 trillion mark early in the administration of President Ronald Reagan.

It stood at $10.6 trillion when President Barack Obama took office in January 2009 and is $16.7 trillion today—bumping up against the debt limit, which is also $16.7 trillion rounded off.

Recently, the Treasury Department has used complicated accounting maneuvers to keep from technically exceeding the limit. But it's running out of such tricks.

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There are a couple Hail Mary plays the government could try if the deadlock persists: selling gold from U.S. reserves, selling or leasing government buildings or national parklands and minting special large-denomination coins.

The Obama administration has shown little interest in such steps.

One possibility was suggested in 2011 by former President Bill Clinton and more recently by House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California: have Obama raise the ceiling on his own, citing the part of the 14th Amendment that says "the validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law ... shall not be questioned."

Obama was asked at a Twitter town hall forum in July whether he would use that amendment as the basis to raise the debt ceiling. "I don't think we should get to the constitutional issue," he tweeted. "Congress has a responsibility to make sure we pay our bills. We've always paid them in the past."

His spokesman Jay Carney has said the administration doesn't believe the amendment gives the president the authority to ignore the debt ceiling.

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While budget deficits are coming down, the government continues to add to the national debt.

The deficit represents the annual difference between the government's spending and the tax revenues it takes in. Each deficit contributes to the national debt. The last time the government ran an annual surplus was in 2001.

The annual deficit declined to roughly $642 billion for the just-ended budget year, the first time in five years it has dropped below $1 trillion. It was $1.4 trillion when Obama took office in 2009.

Still, the government must borrow 19 cents for every dollar it spends, pushing up the nation's overall debt level.

One reason that keeps increasing: the army of retiring baby boomers leaving the workforce and beginning to collect Medicare and Social Security benefits.

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Obama and Democratic leaders denounce as a form of blackmail GOP efforts to use the shutdown and debt limit debate to delay or defund Obama's health care law.

Efforts by opposition parties to try to put strings on a president's debt-limit increases have been pretty standard going back at least to President Dwight D. Eisenhower in the 1950s.

"Congress consistently brings the government to the edge of default before facing its responsibility. This brinkmanship threatens the holders of government bonds and those who rely on Social Security and veterans' benefits," Reagan said in a 1987 radio address. He was scolding the Democratic-controlled Congress for seeking to modify or defeat his proposal to raise the debt limit.

He raised the debt ceiling 18 times.

Nation

Congress lumbers ponderously while threatened default looms

WASHINGTON (AP)—Republicans and Democrats in Congress lumbered through a day of political maneuvering Saturday while a threatened default by the Treasury crept uncomfortably closer and a partial government shutdown neared the end of its second week.

"We haven't done anything yet" by way of compromise, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said after Senate leaders took control of efforts to end the impasse, although he and other Democrats said repeatedly there was reason for optimism.

Across the Capitol, tea party caucus Republican Rep. John Fleming of Louisiana said there was "definitely a chance that we're going to go past the deadline" on Thursday that Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has set for Congress to raise the $16.7 trillion debt limit.

Lawmakers in both parties said they were watching for the reaction to the political uncertainty by the financial markets when they reopen after the weekend.

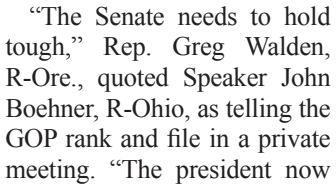
President Barack Obama met with Senate Democratic leaders at the White House after accusing Republicans of practicing the politics of extortion. "Manufacturing crises to extract massive concessions isn't how our democracy works, and we have to stop it," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address.

Party problems

Amid the government shutdown more Americans are calling for a third party as approval for both parties are hitting lows.

One more party?

How are the Republican and Democratic parties doing?



Party favorability

What is your opinion of each party?

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Ironically, though, House Republicans who triggered the shutdown with tea party-driven demands to eradicate Obama's health law conceded that they had temporarily been reduced to virtual bystander status.

"The Senate needs to hold tough," Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., quoted Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, as telling the GOP rank and file in a private meeting. "The president now isn't negotiating with us."

The effects of the partial government shutdown varied widely, and in some cases, states and outsiders were stepping in.

Officials said the Statue of Liberty would reopen on Sunday after New York agreed to pick up the $61,600 daily tab for running the site. South Dakota and corporate donors did the same for Mount Rushmore, beginning on Monday at a cost of $15,200 a day.

The White House, drawing attention to the effects of the partial shutdown on government research, noted that four of five Nobel Prize-winning scientists working for the federal government had to be furloughed. It said two-thirds of the employees at the Centers for Disease Control have had to stay home.

Amid meetings in Washington of world finance officials, the International Monetary Fund's policy committee said the U.S. needs to take "urgent action" to address the impasse. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim stressed the urgency for Washington policymakers to reach agreement on raising the debt ceiling before the Thursday deadline set by Lew, saying the economic fallout of failing to act could include increased interest rates, slower global economic growth and falling business confidence.

NYC police arrest cousin in 'Baby Hope' killing

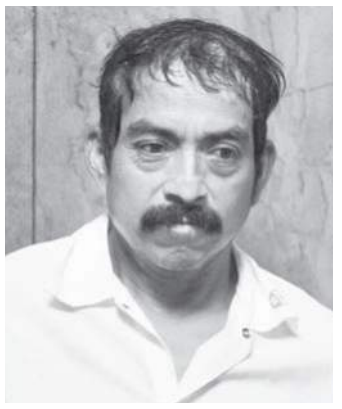
NEW YORK (AP)—Detectives solved the decades-old mystery of "Baby Hope," a little girl whose body was discovered inside a picnic cooler beside a Manhattan highway in 1991, and arrested a cousin of the child Saturday after he admitted he sexually assaulted and smothered her, police said.

Conrado Juarez, 52, was arrested on a murder charge and was awaiting arraignment, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. He was 30 at the time of the girl's death.

It wasn't clear whether Juarez had a lawyer. Police said he lived in the Bronx, but that the family had been living in Queens at the time of the killing. They also said Juarez claimed that a relative helped him dispose of the girl's body.

Anjelica Castillo's naked, malnourished corpse was discovered on July 23, 1991, beside the Henry Hudson Parkway. Detectives thought she might have been suffocated but had few other clues as to what happened.

The case became an obsession for some investigators.



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Conrado Juarez, cousin and confessed killer of 4-year-old Anjelica Castillo, nicknamed Baby Hope, waits to be arraigned at Manhattan Criminal Court, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, in New York.

Hundreds of people attended a funeral for the unknown girl in 1993. Her body was exhumed for DNA testing in 2007, and then again in 2011.

In July, detectives tried another round of publicity on the 22nd anniversary of the discovery. They canvassed the neighborhood where her body was found, hung fliers, circulated sketches of the girl and a photograph of the cooler and announced a $12,000 reward for information leading to an arrest.

Former detective Jerry Giorgio, who had the case from 1991 until his retirement over the summer, said he remained confident the case could be solved. Assistant Chief Joseph Reznick, who also worked the case, said they never gave up.

"I think reflecting back on what we named this little girl, Baby Hope, I think it's the most accurate name we could have come up with," Reznick said.

Giorgio left the NYPD and went to the Manhattan district attorney's cold case squad, from which he retired this year. "I missed the tipster call by a couple of weeks, damn it," he said.

The tipster led police to Anjelica's sister, who told detectives her sister had been killed. Police matched DNA from Anjelica to their mother. The mother, who was not identified, didn't have custody of Anjelica at the time of the girl's death—she had been living with an aunt on the father's side, Bavlina Juarez-Ramirez, police said.

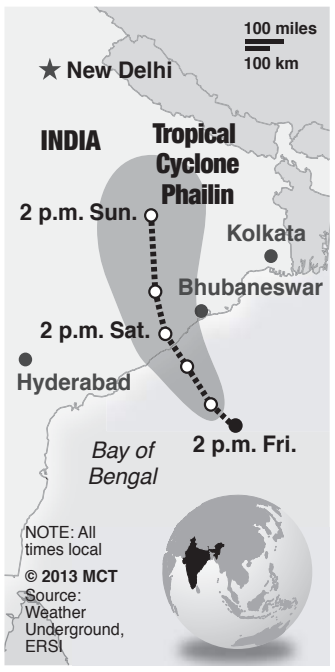
Asia

Powerful cyclone weakens; India say only seven killed

BEHRAMPUR, India (AP)—India began sorting through miles of wreckage Sunday after Cyclone Phailin roared ashore, flooding towns and villages and destroying tens of thousands of thatch homes, but officials said the country had been spared the widespread loss of life that many had feared.

About 18 hours after the storm—the strongest to hit India in more than a decade—made landfall in eastern Orissa state, officials said they knew of only seven fatalities, most of them people killed by falling branches or collapsing buildings in the rains ahead of the cyclone.

The final death toll will almost certainly climb, and parts of the cyclone-battered coast remain isolated by downed communication links and blocked roads. But initial indications are that the government's evacuation of more than 600,000 people saved many lives.



"Damage to property is extensive," Amitabh Thakur, the top police officer in the Orissa district worst-hit by the cyclone. "But few lives have been lost," he said, crediting the mass evacuations.

The storm washed away tens of thousands of mud and thatched roof huts and sent seawater surging inland. It slowed significantly overnight, with some areas reporting little more than breezy drizzles by midday Sunday, but meteorologists said parts of the region would face heavy rains and winds for the next 24 hours.

Philippine typhoon floods rice fields, kills 13

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A typhoon that flooded villages and farms in the Philippines' major rice-growing region Saturday has killed at least 13 people, officials said.

Power outages affected Aurora province, where Typhoon Nari made landfall late Friday, and five nearby provinces due to downed pylons and emergency shutdowns that were intended to prevent accidents.

Nari slammed into the coast with 150 kilometer (94 mile) per hour winds and gusts of up to 185 kph (116 mph). Weather forecaster Meno Mendoza said Nari weakened after hitting the mountains in Aurora then quickly blew across the rice-growing central plains of Luzon.

More than 2,500 people were evacuated from coastal villages before the typhoon struck, said provincial disaster officer Amado Elson Egargue.

Civil defense Maj. Rey Balido said the 12 fatalities in four provinces included a man who was electrocuted, a police officer who was buried in a landslide while waiting for deployment to a rescue mission in Pampanga province, four people who drowned in floodwaters and five who were hit by falling trees. The body of a fisherman was recovered, but three others remain missing, he said.

AP

Residents brave a raging floodwater brought about by typhoon "Nari" at San Ildefonso township, Bulacan province, north of Manila, Philippines Saturday Oct. 12, 2013.

Bulacan provincial Gov. Wilhelmino M. Sy-Alvarado said a 70-year-old man died of a heart attack when the roof of his house was blown away.

Nueva Ecija Gov. Aurelio Umali told DZMM radio that fallen trees and electric pylons blocked all the major roads in the province. He said the initial estimate was that 15,000 hectares (37,050 acres) of rice may have been damaged or destroyed.

US-Afghan officials near a deal on American troops

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S. and Afghanistan reached an agreement in principle Saturday on the major elements of a deal that would allow American troops to stay in Afghanistan after 2014. U.S. officials said the potentially deal-breaking issue of jurisdiction over those forces must still be resolved.

U.S. officials traveling with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said the deal negotiated with Afghan President Hamid Karzai meets all American conditions, including on the jurisdiction issue, and that all that remains is for Karzai to win political approval for it.

During the talks, Kerry made frequent phone calls back to Washington, speaking with Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and national security adviser Susan Rice multiple times, the officials said.

The American contingent was hopeful that a national consultative assembly of tribal elders, or Loya Jirga, and the Afghan parliament would approve the agreement, the officials said. They requested anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the agreement by name.

Kerry spoke with Karzai after a marathon series of meetings and repeated delays of Kerry's departure from Afghanistan. Both men later said agreement had been reached on a series of contentious sovereignty issues and the safety of Afghan citizens at the hands of American and allied troops that had deadlocked talks in the past year.

But Karzai said he would punt the issue of who has jurisdiction for any crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan after 2014 to the Loya Jirga that he has asked to be convened within a month. Their opinion on whether to approve or disapprove an American demand that its forces be remanded to U.S. military courts would then be sent to the Afghan parliament.

Kerry responded that any decision made by the Loya Jirga and parliament would be respected, but he added that if the jurisdiction issue was not resolved there would be no agreement.

World

Migrant tragedies sharpen int'l calls for humanitarian passage

VALLETTA, Malta (AP)—Three deadly Mediterranean shipwrecks that claimed the lives of hundreds of would-be asylum-seekers fleeing war and repression sharpened calls Saturday for humanitarian corridors to allow safe passage to Europe.

At least 34 people drowned in Maltese waters south of the Italian island of Lampedusa when a boat packed with hundreds of Syrians and Palestinians capsized on Friday, the same day another 12 migrants died in a shipwreck off of Egypt.

Those tragedies came just eight days after at least 339 Eritreans died when their boat sank within sight of Lampedusa, in one of the worst verified migrant sea tragedies on the Mediterranean.

Facing unrest and persecution in Africa and the Middle East, many migrants risk the often perilous journey to Lampedusa, a gateway to Europe just 70 miles (113 kilometers) from Africa, in rickety boats procured by people smugglers who charge more than 1,600 euros ($2,200).

Most are asylum seekers, fleeing civil war in Syria or repression and mandatory conscription in Eritrea, unlike the waves of economic migrants a decade ago.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres expressed concern that Syrians fleeing conflict have sought to reach Europe by such a perilous route, calling it ``inhumane."

"They escaped bullets and bombs only to perish before they could ever claim asylum," he said, adding that there had been reports that the vessel had been fired on shortly after departing Zwara, Libya.

U.N. Secretary General Ban-Ki-moon called for action to prevent future tragedies "that places the vulnerability and human rights of migrants at the center," while Pope Francis lamented that ``too often we are blinded by our comfortable lives, and refuse to see those dying at our doorstep."

Peru bus plunge kills 51, including 14 children

LIMA, Peru (AP)—A makeshift bus carrying 51 Quechua Indians back from a party in southeastern Peru plunged off a cliff into a river, killing everyone on board, including 14 children.

The accident occurred Friday night as the red-and-yellow cargo truck made its way back from a party in the provincial capital of Santa Teresa, an area about 310 miles (500 kilometers) southeast of Lima. It went off the road and fell about 650 feet (200 meters) into a deep ravine, ending up in the Chaupimayo river which courses through the ravine.

Rescuers equipped with little more than flashlights spent the night searching without success for survivors amid the twisted steel and large boulders, pulling bodies from the water. Authorities said bodies were found as far as 330 feet (100 meters) away from the impact site, suggesting they were thrown from the vehicle.

"We haven't found a single survivor," said firefighter Capt. David Taboada, who was leading the rescue operation.

Firefighters had said that 52 people died in the accident, but later in the day Santa Rita police issued a press release saying that the official death toll was 51, including 14 children.

The cause of the accident hasn't been determined, Taboada said, adding that the vehicle was "coming from a party in Santa Teresa at which a lot of alcohol was consumed."

Firefighters were placing the recovered bodies on a soccer field above where the crash took place.

Throughout the morning and day, relatives of the victims arrived to identify their loved ones.

Peace Nobel goes to chemical-weapons watchdog

BEIRUT (AP)—The watchdog agency working to eliminate the world's chemical weapons won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday in a powerful endorsement of the inspectors now on the ground in Syria on a perilous mission to destroy the regime's stockpile of poison gas.

In honoring the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said "recent events in Syria, where chemical weapons have again been put to use, have underlined the need to enhance the efforts to do away with such weapons."

The prize came 10 days after OPCW inspectors started arriving in war-torn Syria to oversee the dismantling of President Bashar Assad's chemical arsenal.

While world leaders and former Nobel laureates praised the group's selection, some in Syria lamented that the prize would do nothing to end the bloodshed, most of which is being inflicted with conventional weapons.

"The killing is continuing, the shelling is continuing and the dead continue to fall," said Mohammed al-Tayeb, an activist who helped film casualties after the deadly chemical attack in August that the rebels and the government have blamed on each other.

The peace prize, he added, should have gone to "whoever helps the Syrian people get rid of Bashar Assad."

After focusing on such themes as human rights and European unity in recent years, the Norwegian Nobel Committee this time returned to the core purpose of the 112-year-old Nobel Peace Prize—disarming the world.

Founded in 1997, the OPCW had largely worked out of the limelight until this year, when the United Nations called upon its expertise.

The OPCW's selection caught many by surprise. It was widely expected that the peace prize would go to Malala Yousafzai, the 16-year-old Pakistani girl who was shot in the head by the Taliban last October for championing education for girls.

"She is an outstanding woman and I think she has a bright future, and she will probably be a nominee next year or the year after that," said Nobel committee chairman Thorbjoern Jagland.

Nobel Peace Prize

***The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons** was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for "extensive efforts to eliminate chemical weapons."*

Recent recipients

2012 **The European Union** for six decades of work helping transform Europe "from a continent of war to a continent of peace"

2011 **Liberian President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf and activists Leymah Gbowee of Liberia and Tawakkul Karman of Yemen** for their nonviolent struggle for women's safety and rights

2010 Imprisoned Chinese dissident **Liu Xiaobo f**or using nonviolence to demand human rights in his homeland

2009 **U.S. President Barack Obama** for his efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples

2008 Former **Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari** for his efforts to resolve international conflicts over more than three decades

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Health & Fitness

Survey: Health exchange rollout gets poor reviews

By NANCY BENAC and JENNIFER AGIESTA
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POLITICS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government's new health insurance marketplaces are drawing lots of rotten tomatoes in early reviews, but people are at least checking them out.

Seven percent of Americans report that somebody in their household has tried to sign up for insurance through the health care exchanges, according to an AP-GfK poll.

While that's a small percentage, it could represent more than 20 million people.

Three-fourths of those who tried to sign up reported problems, though, and that's reflected in the underwhelming reviews.

Overall, just 7 percent of Americans say the rollout of the health exchanges has gone well. Far more deem it a flop.

George Spinner, 60, a retired government worker from Ruther Glen, Va., said he managed to create an online account and password before he got stuck.

"It kept telling me there was an error," he said.

Reynol Rodriguez, a computer technician from San Antonio, said he was able to do some comparison shopping online but computer glitches kept him from signing up.

"I was very much looking forward to it," said Rodriguez, 51. "That's what this country needs—affordable health care."

Rodriguez pledged to keep trying—just what President Barack Obama has been recommending to those who've run into trouble.

Count Janice Brown, a semi-retired travel agent from Prather, Calif., among those who had a positive experience.

After some initial trouble on the website, she got through to a help line and downloaded an application to buy a plan for $1,500 a month for herself and her husband. That's $1,000 less than her current private plan.

"I'm thrilled," said Brown, 61. "The coverage is better. It's fantastic."

Among those who've actually tested out the system, three-quarters of those polled said they've experienced problems trying to sign up. Only about 1 in 10 succeeded in buying health insurance.

Few give health care market good reviews
An AP-GfK opinion poll shows that the new health care exchange is receiving poor reviews while a small percentage of people have actually signed up for coverage.
Based on what you have seen or heard so far, would you say the opening of these health insurance markets has gone:
Extremely/ very well
Not too/not well at all
Refused/ not answered
7%
20
40
30
3
Somewhat well
Don't know enough to say
Since the health insurance market in your state began, have you or has anyone in your household tried to sign up for health insurance coverage through this market?
Yes
No
Refused/not answered
7%
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NOTE: Poll of 1,227 adults; conducted Oct. 3-7, 2013; margin of error ±3.4 percentage points.
SOURCE: GfK Public Affairs & Corporate Communications
AP

Overall, the poll found, 40 percent of Americans said the launch of the insurance markets hasn't gone well, 20 percent said it's gone somewhat well and 30 percent didn't know what to say. Just 7 percent said the launch had gone "very well" or "somewhat well."

Even among those who support the president's health care overhaul law, just 19 percent think the rollout has gone extremely well or very well. Forty percent say it's gone somewhat well, and 18 percent think not too well or not well at all.

The survey offers an early snapshot on use of the new health insurance exchanges set up by states and the federal government under Obama's Affordable Care Act. Thirty-six states are using the federal government's site, HealthCare.gov, which the Obama administration says has had millions of unique visitors. The administration has declined to release enrollment statistics, saying that will be done monthly.

White House senior communications adviser Tara McGuinness said the administration is working around the clock "to improve the consumer experience," and she stressed that the poll was taken just six days into a six-month campaign to educate people about their options.

She added, "The overwhelming attention from millions of Americans checking out HealthCare.gov during the first few days is a good testament to the interest of Americans in new affordable health options."

The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that about 7 million uninsured people will gain coverage through the online insurance marketplaces next year, but the role of the markets is actually much bigger than that.

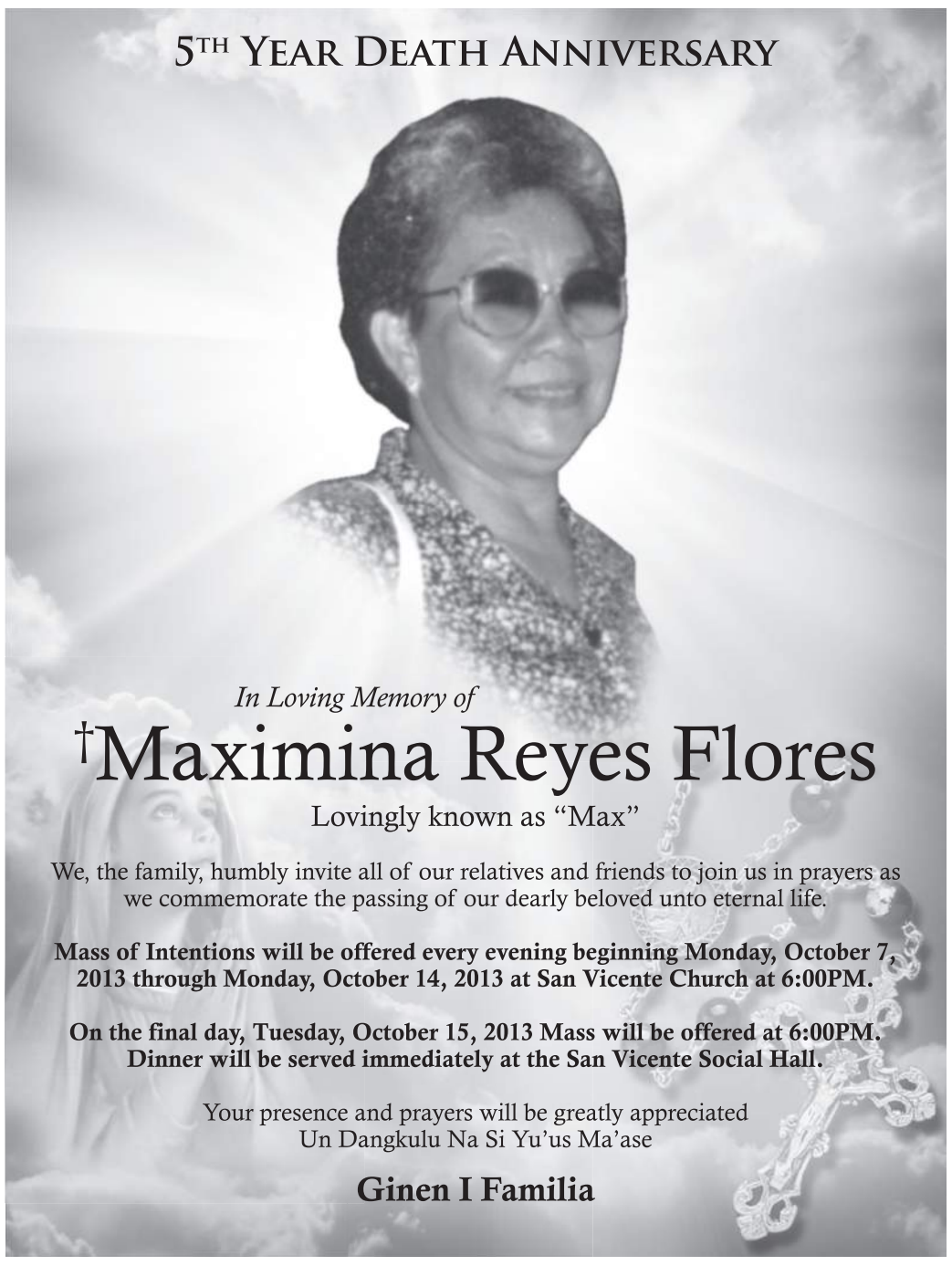
They were intended to be a 21st century portal to coverage for people who do not have access to health insurance on the job. And that includes insured people as well as the uninsured.

There are three big groups of potential customers for the markets: uninsured middle-class people who now will be able to get government-subsidized private coverage; people who currently purchase their own individual policies and are looking for better deals; and low-income people who will be steered by the marketplace to an expanded version of Medicaid in states that agree to expand that safety net program.

The Census estimates that about 48 million Americans lacked coverage in 2012, or more than 15 percent of the population.

Starting next year, the law requires virtually all Americans to have insurance or face a tax penalty after a coverage gap of three months.

Opinions are sharply divided on the overall framework of the law: 28 percent of Americans support it, 38 percent are opposed, and 32 percent don't have an opinion either way, the poll found. When asked specifically whether the government should be able to require all Americans to buy insurance or face a fine, only about 3 in 10 Americans agreed, and 68 percent were opposed.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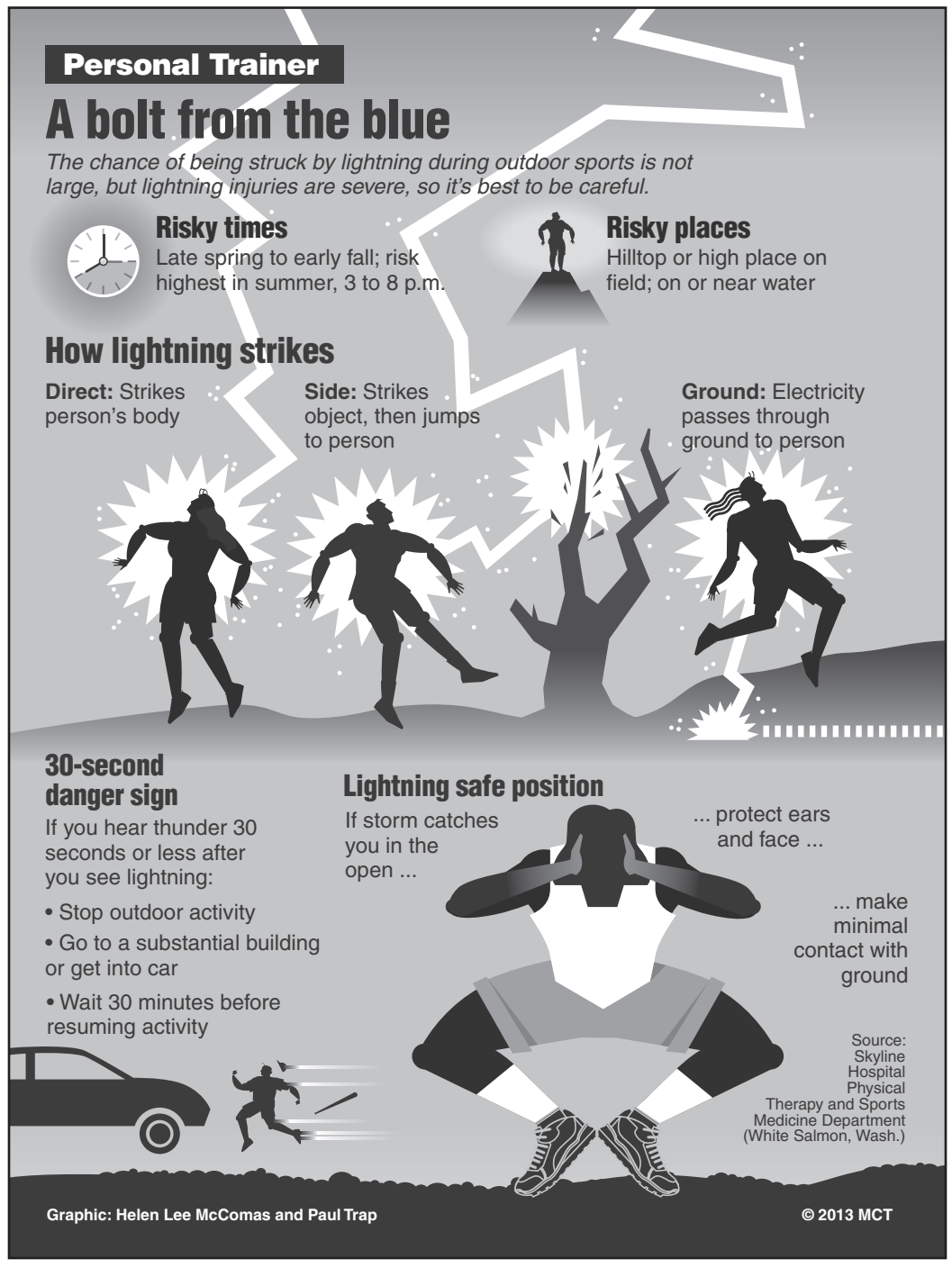
Lovingly known as "Max"
We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.
Mass of Intentions will be offered every evening beginning Monday, October 7, 2013 through Monday, October 14, 2013 at San Vicente Church at 6:00PM.
On the final day, Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Mass will be offered at 6:00PM. Dinner will be served immediately at the San Vicente Social Hall.
Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated
Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ginen I Familia


Personal Trainer
A bolt from the blue
The chance of being struck by lightning during outdoor sports is not large, but lightning injuries are severe, so it's best to be careful.
Risky times
Late spring to early fall; risk highest in summer, 3 to 8 p.m.
Risky places
Hilltop or high place on field; on or near water
How lightning strikes
Direct: Strikes person's body
Side: Strikes object, then jumps to person
Ground: Electricity passes through ground to person
30-second danger sign
If you hear thunder 30 seconds or less after you see lightning:
• Stop outdoor activity
• Go to a substantial building or get into car
• Wait 30 minutes before resuming activity
Lightning safe position
If storm catches you in the open ...
... protect ears and face ...
... make minimal contact with ground
Source: Skyline Hospital Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Department (White Salmon, Wash.)
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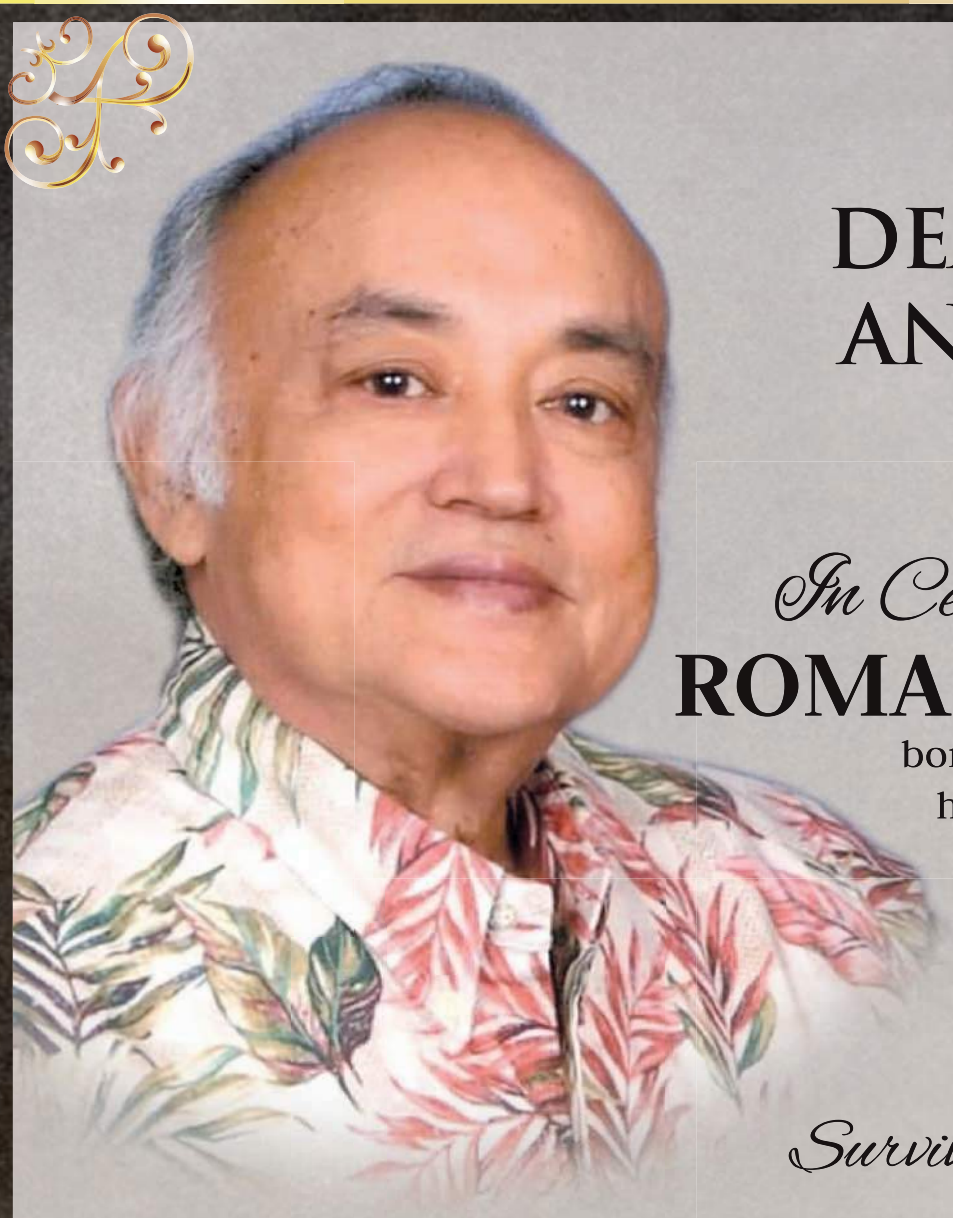

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Celebration of His New Life

ROMAN SABLAN PALACIOS

born on October 16, 1945 and called to
his eternal rest on October 10, 2013

Survived by:

Wife: **Patricia Tenorio Palacios**

Children:
Trish T. Palacios
Christopher T. Palacios & Jaime Kapileo (Nathan, Lorenza & Peter)
Jose T. Palacios (Pingko)
Patty P. & Charles McDonald (Charlie, Ray Patrick & Joshua)
Roman (Bo) T. Palacios

Brothers, Sisters & In-Laws:

Jesusa P. & Joaquin M. Iglecias & Family
George S. & Lydia R. Palacios & Family
Antonia P. & Jay J. Corral & Family
Darlene P. Macaranas & Family
David S. & Margarita M. Palacios & Family
Anuncia S. Palacios & Adam Mazon & Family
Jesse S. & Mylyn J. Palacios & Family
Jesus R. & Annie T. Sablan & Family
Clarence T. Tenorio & Family
Norman T. & Keli A. Tenorio & Family
Frances T. Demapan & Family
Joseph R. Guzman & Priscilla T. Tenorio & Family

Predeceased by:

Son:	Ray Patrick Tenorio Palacios	*Mother-in-Law:*	Soledad Takai Tenorio
Father:	Jesus Muna Palacios	*Sister:*	Rita Sablan Palacios
Mother:	Anunciasion Sablan Palacios	*Brothers-in Law:*	Miguel Sablan Demapan
Father-in-Law:	Jose Camacho Tenorio		Sidney George Quan
			Richard Iglecias Macaranas

Mass is being said daily at 6:00 a.m. and rosary is at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral.
Funeral is scheduled for Friday, October 18, 2013. Public viewing will be held at 8:00 a.m. and the mass of Christian burial will be at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral followed by interment and burial at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you

Patricia T. Palacios, Children & Family

Life & Style

Canada's Alice Munro wins Nobel literature prize

STOCKHOLM (AP)—If there were a literary award bigger than the Nobel Prize, Alice Munro would probably win that, too.

"Among writers, her name is spoken in hushed tones," fellow Canadian author Margaret Atwood once wrote. "She's the kind of writer about whom it is often said—no matter how well known she becomes—that she ought to be better known."

Munro, 82, was awarded literature's highest honor Thursday, saluted by the Nobel committee as a thorough but forgiving chronicler of the human spirit, and her selection marks a number of breakthroughs.

She is the first winner of the $1.2 million prize to be fully identified with Canada. Saul Bellow won in 1976, but though he was born in Canada, he moved to the U.S. as a boy and is more closely associated with Chicago.

Munro is also the rare author to win for short stories.

"When I began writing there was a very small community of Canadian writers and little attention was paid by the world. Now Canadian writers are read, admired and respected around the globe," Munro said in a statement issued by her publisher, Alfred A. Knopf. She said she hopes the Nobel "fosters further interest in all Canadian writers" and "brings further recognition to the short story form."

Her books having sold more than 1 million copies in the U.S. alone, she has long been an international ambassador for the short story, proof that the narrative arc and depth of characterization expected from a novel can be realized in just 30 to 40 pages.

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In this Oct. 28, 2002 file photo, Canadian author Alice Munro poses for a photograph at the Canadian Consulate's residence in New York.

Critics and peers have praised her in every way a writer can be praised: the precision of her language; the perfection of detail; the surprise and logic of her storytelling; the graceful, seamless shifts of moods; the intimacy with every shade of human behavior.

Her stories are usually set in Ontario, her home province. Among her best-known is "The Bear Came Over the Mountain," about a woman who begins losing her memory and agrees with her husband that she should be put in a nursing home. Canadian actress-director Sarah Polley adapted the story into the 2006 film "Away from Her," starring Julie Christie.

The narrative begins in a relatively tender, traditional mood. But we soon learn that the husband has been unfaithful in the past and didn't always regret it—"What he felt was mainly a gigantic increase in well-being." The wife, meanwhile, has fallen for a man at the nursing home.

In the story "Dimensions," Munro introduces a chambermaid named Doree, who needs to take three buses for a visit to a "facility" outside Clinton, Ontario. Munro explains that Doree is happy in her work, that she has been told she is "young and decent looking" and that her picture was once in the newspaper, in the days when her spiked blonde hair was wavy and brown.

"Dimensions" begins in close-up, then steadily pulls back. With every page, the story darkens, and terrifies. The "facility" is an institution where Doree's husband is held. Doree's picture was in the paper because her husband murdered their children.

"In all the time since what had happened, any thought of the children had been something to get rid of, pull out immediately like a knife in the throat," Munro writes.

Munro won a National Book Critics Circle prize in 1998 for "The Love of a Good Woman" and was a finalist in 2001 for "Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage." She is also a three-time winner of the Governor General's prize, Canada's highest literary honor.

Popular Humans of New York photoblog now a book

NEW YORK (AP)—Brandon Stanton rounds the corner, spots a tiny blur of pink, and runs over to ask if he can take a picture. He crouches in a busy Manhattan bike lane to get the shot: a beautiful little girl with pink leg braces, a walker and a big smile, her dad posed behind her.

Stanton posts the picture on his website, HumansofNewYork.com—known to fans as HONY—with a mere two sentences from the father: "We go to four appointments every week, but I don't mind. She's my blood." No names or other details.

Within an hour, the image has 22,000 likes. Comments like this pour in: "HONY. Restoring my faith in humanity, one photostory at a time."

Stanton's magical blend of portraits and poignant, pithy storytelling has earned HONY more than 2 million followers online. Now he's putting his work in a book, "Humans of New York," out Oct. 15 from St. Martin's Press.

Not bad for a guy who once flunked out of college, was fired from his first job as a bond trader and didn't own a regular camera until 2010.

Stanton, 29, who's from Marietta, Ga., and lives in Brooklyn, shoots every day, taking 5,000 street portraits over the past three years. As he strolls around, Canon in hand, wearing a backward baseball cap and New Balance sneakers, he's stopped every few minutes by fans, many of them teenagers. "Thanks for inspiring me," Sebastian Sayegh, 19, told him.

Part of his genius is offering short, provocative captions that allow readers to imagine the rest of the story. He quotes a thin, pensive man with a cigarette as saying: "I'm a little bit separated with wife now." A guy carrying a bouquet says: "Sometimes, when I'm going home to see her, I think: `Nobody should be this happy on a Tuesday.'"

Some photos are pure celebration, like pictures of kids titled "Today in microfashion": a dapper boy in blue suit and sunglasses, a smiling girl in a bright red, Islamic-style headscarf and tunic.

AP

This Oct. 2, 2013 photo shows photographer Brandon Stanton, creator of the Humans of New York blog, right, after snapping a portrait of Mecit Kabatas and his five year-old daughter Bayza in New York.

Tender stories are featured, too, often emerging from the questions Stanton has designed to quickly "uncover the most meaningful events in a person's life." His recurring "What was your saddest moment?" query elicits a lot of "the day my mother died" quotes.

HONY has even inspired a parody, Hummus of New York, and copycats—Humans of Sydney, Humans of Portland—but they are pale imitations.

Stanton accepts no advertising for HONY, but he occasionally asks fans to support causes related to his photos. HONY followers donated $300,000 for Hurricane Sandy relief; $30,000 to send a kid to camp and $100,000 to a YMCA. (Stanton wanted the fashion label DKNY to give $100,000 to the YMCA after his photos appeared in a window display without permission; when the company only gave $25,000, his fans made up the rest.)

He doesn't take notes or use a tape recorder: "Once they say the quote I am going to use, I know it. So I don't have to remember the entire conversation."

The Associated Press asked Stanton to answer some of the questions he asks his subjects—and a few others.

AP: What was your saddest moment?

STANTON: I had flunked out of college and lived with my grandparents for a couple of years. And during that time my grandfather got really bad Alzheimer's. I got back into the University of Georgia right as his Alzheimer's was starting to get kind of bad. I knew when I was leaving he wasn't going to be the same person when I came back.

AP: What's your biggest struggle right now?

STANTON: I'm a single content producer of a blog seen by millions of people. I don't want to mess it up and I don't want to lose it. So it's always on my mind. My greatest struggle is hanging out with friends, family and my girlfriend, and being present.

AP: What advice would you give a large group of people?

STANTON: Don't wait for the perfect moment. Humans of New York, when I started it, was nothing like it is now. ... It didn't emerge from me thinking a fully formed idea and executing it. It emerged from me tinkering and working and evolving. So many people wait until the pieces are in place to start, and often that moment never comes.

AP: In 2011, the AP wrote a story about your plan to take a visual census of 10,000 New Yorkers. What happened to that project?

STANTON: HONY's evolved so much. It's so different from when you guys wrote that first article. It used to be a photography blog. I can't call it that any more. It's a storytelling blog. Before, I was visually responding to the street. I wasn't looking for anything in particular. Now I look for someone sitting alone. I look for people who are approachable.

AP: What was your happiest moment?

STANTON: That (AP) story was written after six months of obsessively doing this all day, every day, walking thousands of miles and taking thousands of portraits and I really hadn't been able to get any traction or develop an audience. After that article was written, my Facebook fans jumped from 220 to 770. ... I remember going to sleep that night the happiest man in the world. After all that struggle, I finally thought it was going to work.

AP: As HONY grew, so did comments mocking or insulting the people you photographed. You finally told readers "the right to free speech does not apply here." What happens to negative comments now?

STANTON: My assistants delete, ban, delete, ban.

AP: You often photograph homeless people and people with disabilities. Does anyone complain about being a poster child?

STANTON: I've gotten some great portraits. I've also been cussed out. I just have to approach everybody the same way and keep my intentions clear. ... If somebody asks me to take their picture down, I do it.

AP: What's the most shocking thing that's happened to you?

STANTON: My fans trend young and they trend female, but one night I was in Bryant Park and there was this man, about 70, sitting alone on a computer. I took his photo and said I run a site called Humans of New York. Then he flipped his computer around. He'd been looking at it.

Once Upon a Time's Goodwin and Dallas to marry

NEW YORK (AP)—Ginnifer Goodwin and Josh Dallas' fairy tale extends beyond their day jobs.

The actors, both 35, play Snow White and Prince Charming on ABC's "Once Upon a Time" and have announced their engagement.

The couple met while working on the show and began dating in 2011.

Goodwin was previously engaged to actor Joey Kern, while Dallas was married to Lara Pulver from 2007-2011.

On her official Twitter account, Goodwin wrote Friday, "From my soon-2-b-Mrs-Dallas head 2 my soon-2-be Mrs-Dallas-toes, I'm oh-so grateful 4 your well wishes! THANK U!"

Dallas tweeted to on his account, "Thanks to all of you for the outpouring of love and congrats!"

"Once Upon a Time" is now in its third season.

AP

This Feb. 19, 2013 file photo shows Ginnifer Goodwin, left, and Josh Dallas at the 15th Annual Costume Designers Guild Awards in Beverly Hills.

Taylor Swift opens $4M Country Hall of Fame center

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—It might as well be Taylor Swift weekend in Music City.

The pop star opened her $4 million Taylor Swift Education Center at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum on Saturday morning, and will accept her record sixth songwriter-artist of the year award from Nashville Songwriters Association International on Sunday.

Swift cut the ribbon on the new education center she donated to the museum as part of its expansion campaign and showed reporters and area high school students the new classroom and exhibit space before the museum opened.

"I'm really excited about this music education center and the fact that right now they have three different classes going on today," Swift said in an interview after the ceremony. "It's really exciting that we can be here on a day when they're not only unveiling it, but they're starting to actively use it today."

The center will have classroom space, a hands-on instrument room and ongoing education opportunities. Museum officials say the new center will increase educational opportunities sevenfold going forward.

And who knows? Maybe users will find the 23-year-old Swift hanging around some day.

"We've been talking about different programs I can be involved in," Swift said. "I hate to call it a lecture because that sounds like I'm yelling at people, but we could do a Q&A talking to students here and a songwriters discussion would be really fun to have at some point."

Ashley Tisdale switches gears to voice 'Sabrina'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ashley Tisdale said she's delighted to voice the title character in Hub TV's new "Sabrina: Secrets of a Teenage Witch." But her 3-year-old niece has her beat.

"She's super excited about it," Tisdale said. "She saw the `Sabrina' poster in my house and said, `Aunt Ashley is Sabrina!'"

For Tisdale, her role in the animated series debuting 9 a.m. EDT Saturday is an acting treat.

Sabrina is "such a cute, quirky character. She's really cool and popular in `witch world,' but when it comes to her human world she's klutzy and completely opposite," she said. "It's fun to play with both sides."

There's another advantage to the show, Tisdale said: Voice recording sessions don't demand playing dress-up and she can even work in sweats.

The live-action series "Sabrina, the Teenage Witch," which starred Melissa Joan Hart as a high school student who discovers she's a witch, aired from 1996-2003.

Tisdale's voice-acting skills, honed in projects including "Phineas and Ferb," allow her to continue playing characters Sabrina's age or even younger. But the former "High School Musical" star now is 28, recently engaged to rocker Christopher French (they're in "the beginning stages" of wedding plans, she said) and runs her own production company.

Among other projects, the company is producing a pilot for ABC Family, Tisdale said. She's also keeping on-screen roles in the forefront, playing Rebel Wilson's sister in freshman sitcom "Super Fun Night" and taping an episode next week of "The Crazy Ones," the new Robin Williams comedy on CBS.

She sounds a bit awed talking about Wilson, who's wearing writing, producing and starring hats for her ABC sitcom. That is both daunting and inspiring, said Tisdale, adding, "You're so proud of her because she's doing it."

Williams is another role model, said the actress who began working as a preteen.

"I grew up watching every Robin Williams movie ever made, so this is so exciting," she said. "It's cool to be able to work with people you've looked up to and enjoyed and can learn from."

Charlie Hunnam departs 'Fifty Shades of Grey' film

NEW YORK (AP)—Charlie Hunnam is dropping out of the highly anticipated big-screen version of "Fifty Shades of Grey" just weeks after being cast as the lead, citing his busy schedule.

Universal Pictures and Focus Features announced Saturday that the actor who was to play Christian Grey will depart the project. The studio called it a mutual decision because Hunnam's preparation time was limited by his television schedule. He stars in the FX series "Sons of Anarchy."

It's an abrupt and embarrassing switch for a high-profile film. Fans of E L James' erotic best-seller are eagerly awaiting the movie adaptation, which will be directed by Sam Taylor-Johnson.

Dakota Johnson remains in the co-starring role of Anastasia Steele. A replacement will be sought for Hunnam, who last month said he initially turned down the role.

When his casting was announced in September, many vented online that the "Pacific Rim" actor was ill suited to play the seductive billionaire. Producers Dana Brunetti and Michael De Luca took to Twitter to defend the choice, maintaining their two leads had good chemistry together.

Representatives for Hunnam didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Saturday.

AP

In this Friday, Aug. 2, 2013 file photo, Charlie Hunnam, a cast member in the FX series "Sons of Anarchy," answers a reporter's question during the FX 2013 Summer TCA press tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Firm limits on cellphone use should curb girl's compulsion

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: I am upset with myself for getting my granddaughter the cellphone she begged me for. I wish the phone companies would put restrictions on them. I wondered why she was feeling tired in the mornings until I caught her on the phone at 4 a.m. She can't get dressed in the morning because she's texting every two minutes.

When her friend, who she was always very active with, came over, the girl wound up watching a movie with me because my granddaughter would not stop texting in her bedroom. She wasn't like this until she got this new boyfriend, and he must have no life at all. Should I talk to his parents? It is consuming her life, morning, noon and night. I have told her she can't have the phone until her homework is done.

FRUSTRATED GRANDMA IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR GRANDMA: You shouldn't expect the phone company to decide what is acceptable in your home. As the adult in your household, it's up to you to assert control. If your granddaughter lives with you, by all means talk to the boyfriend's parents about this.

But equally important, enforce cellphone limits. If you think she can't be trusted not to use it after lights-out, see that she gives you her phone at bedtime. In the morning, return it to her once she's dressed and ready for school. And when she invites friends over, make sure she understands it is HER responsibility—not yours—to entertain them, because what she did was rude.

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DEAR ABBY: I have met a darling man I'm compatible with in every way. We have similar tastes in just about everything from decorating and landscaping to entertainment.

My problem is his past. From what he says, he has never had a monogamous relationship, even during his marriage. After the divorce he pursued anything female.

When we are out at a club or a concert, I constantly encounter women he has been with. He tells me he is happy for the first time in his life and he would never cheat on me.

I have never been the jealous type, and I'm really not now. I just don't want to be the woman everyone is laughing at because they know his history. As I said, we are content and happy, but I need to move past this or move on, I guess.

THE CURRENT WOMAN

DEAR CURRENT WOMAN: You say this "darling" man has never had a monogamous relationship—before, during or after his marriage. Therefore, the odds aren't great that he'll have one with you.

It's time to ask yourself (not me) if you would be willing to tolerate his fooling around if you were his wife. Some women—the wives of attractive or powerful men—are open-minded about it if their husbands are discreet. The real question is, are you?

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DEAR ABBY: I wrote to you three years ago about throwing parties on unique days, such as 7-7-07, 9-9-09, etc., and you printed my letter.

Well, I'm still at it, even though the special numbers have run out. I planned a brunch on 11-11-11. Everyone who attended chipped in $11 apiece. The money that was left over I donated to a hunger program. Twelve of us met for lunch at noon on 12-12-12, and this time each person paid—guess how much—$12.

This year, we'll be having brunch at 10:00 on 11-12-13, and I'm already planning ahead for next year's celebration, which will be on 12-13-14 at 1500 hours. Any suggestions?

CLAIRE (AGAIN) IN BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR CLAIRE: You appear to be a fun, clever woman with a zest for life. And yes, I do have a suggestion. How about making next year's celebration a tea with a holiday theme? After all, "'tis the season," and any leftover money could be donated to a children's charity.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

NOWADAYS, ADS DONT JUST SELL A PRODUCT. THEY SELL AN ATTITUDE! LOOK AT THIS ONE!
HERE'S A COOL GUY SAYING NOBODY TELLS HIM WHAT TO DO. HE DOES WHATEVER HE WANTS AND HE BUYS THIS PRODUCT AS A REFLECTION OF THAT INDEPENDENCE.
SO BASICALLY, THIS MAVERICK IS URGING EVERYONE TO EXPRESS HIS INDIVIDUALITY THROUGH CONFORMITY IN BRAND-NAME SELECTION?
WELL, IT SOUNDED MORE DEFIANT THE WAY HE SAID IT.
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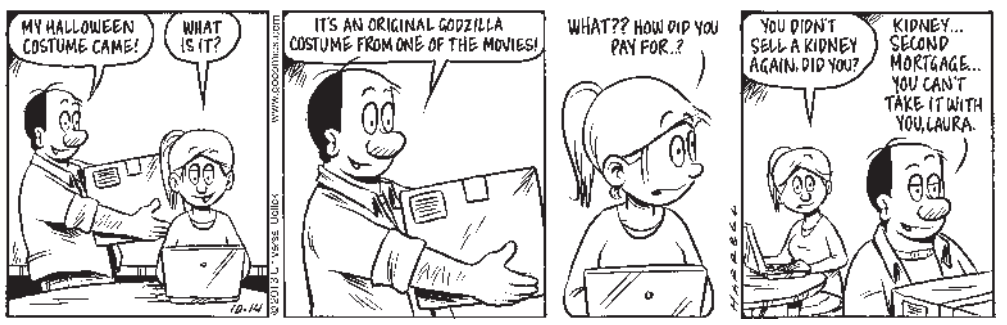
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@Home

By Bryan Basset


MY HALLOWEEN COSTUME CAME!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S AN ORIGINAL GODZILLA COSTUME FROM ONE OF THE MOVIES!
WHAT?? HOW DID YOU PAY FOR..?
YOU DIDN'T SELL A KIDNEY AGAIN. DID YOU?
KIDNEY... SECOND MORTGAGE.. YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU, LAURA.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

HOW MANY HAMBURGERS HAVE YOU GUYS SOLD?
FORTY BILLION.
OKAY. I'LL HAVE ONE.
GREAT! LARRY, GET THE LADDER! WE HAVE TO CHANGE THE SIGN!!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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5 Rowing tool
8 Pumps up the volume
12 Peru's capital
13 Upper underwear
14 Castle protection
15 Addict
16 Trend
18 "Citizen Kane" estate
20 Congenital
21 Lucy's hubby/co-star
23 Billboards
24 Run-down building
28 Very short pencil
31 Past
32 Ibiza y Minorca
34 Anger
35 Frogs' hangout
37 Octopus feature
39 Tree fluid
41 Despot (Var.)
42 Aussie gal
45 Head monk's position
49 "The Charge of the Light Brigade" poet
51 Sandwich cookie
52 Sunrise direction
53 Blackbird
54 Streamlet
55 Quarry
56 "The Princess and the —"
57 Polio vaccine discoverer

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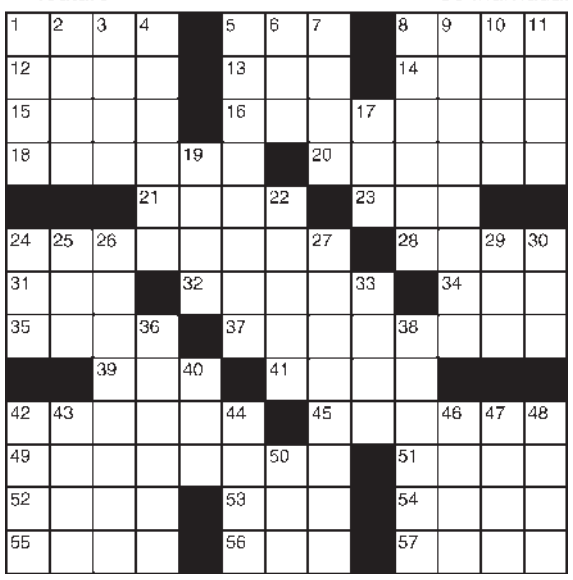

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stacy Keibler, 34; Usher, 35; Natalie Maines, 39; Roger Moore, 86.

Happy Birthday: Offer your finer qualities and you will feel good, be able to boost your confidence, and find a way to reach your goals. Your ability to play fair coupled with loyalty and compassion will win you respect and favors from those in high places. Put everything in place and make your dreams come true. Love is in the stars. Your numbers are 7, 11, 15, 22, 24, 36, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Be a leader and take the creative license you need to reach your goals. Your ability to get others to pitch in and help is your forte and will help you gain respect, popularity and admiration. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Forget your troubles and stop worrying about what everyone else thinks or does. Relax and enjoy an important relationship along with the things you enjoy doing most. Ease your stress and improve your outlook. Good fortune will come from an unusual source. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Romance is on the rise and you should enjoy the company of someone special. Don't make changes at home or at work based on hearsay. Question anyone trying to push you in a direction you aren't sure you want to go. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Be social and entertaining and you will feed your imagination and your ability to turn some of your ideas and skills into a viable source of income or enjoyment. Children and elders will impact your life. Look for unusual outlets and answers. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Emotions will surface regarding domestic and relationship issues. Stay calm and don't let anyone goad you into an argument that serves no purpose. Concentrate on the people and the things you enjoy the most and make the changes that improve your life. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): When it comes to financial and health matters, protect your interests. Don't allow anyone to take control or lead you astray. Be the one to make the suggestions and to follow through. Emotional manipulation is apparent. ✪✪✪

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Tigers nearly no-hit Red Sox, win ALCS opener

BOSTON (AP)—Lose the no-hitter, win the game.

That's a trade Anibal Sanchez and the Detroit Tigers were happy to make to take the lead over the Boston Red Sox in the AL championship series.

Sanchez and four relievers came within two outs of the first combined no-hitter in postseason history, striking out 17 to beat Boston 1-0 in the series opener on Saturday night.

"At this point, especially in this series, it's not about throwing a no-hitter," said Sanchez, who was pulled after 116 pitches in six innings. "As soon as you get some zeroes ... it's more important. It's more important than the no-hitter at this point."

Sanchez struck out 12 - including a record-tying four in the first inning - but also walked a season-high six and was pulled after six innings and 116 pitches. Al Alburquerque, Jose Veras, Drew Smyly and Benoit stretched the no-hitter through eight innings.

With one out in the ninth, Daniel Nava lined a single to center field off Joaquin Benoit to end Detroit's bid for the third postseason no-hitter ever.

"I'm not going to lie to you. I wanted it," Tigers catcher Alex Avila said. "But had to think about the next hitter with a 1-0 game."

Stephen Drew flied out to right and, with the potential tying run on second, Xander Bogaerts hit a game-ending popout to shortstop that put the Tigers ahead in the best-of-seven series. Boston's Clay Buchholz will face major league wins leader Max Scherzer in Game 2 on Sunday night.

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Jhonny Peralta had an RBI single off Jon Lester in the sixth for the game's only run. Peralta, who missed most of August and September while serving a 50-game suspension for violating baseball's drug rules, was taunted with chants of "Steroids!" and "User!" as he looped a single to center to bring home Miguel Cabrera.

It was a day for pitching in the playoffs - St. Louis beat the Dodgers 1-0 in the second game of the NLCS, marking the first time in postseason history two games ended by that score on one day.

"That tells you the quality of pitching in the postseason," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. "We've got to do a lot better with our opportunities, but in this one we were able to hold on."

The majors' highest-scoring team during the regular season, the Red Sox were shut out at Fenway Park in the postseason for the first time in 95 years.

"You give up one run and you like your chances," said Lester, who allowed six hits and a walk, striking out four in 6 1-3 innings. "It was a great game. That was playoff baseball."

The AL's regular-season ERA champion, Sanchez loaded the bases in the sixth on three walks. But he struck out Stephen Drew to end the inning, coming off the mound with a celebratory arm pump and high leg kick.

Alburquerque pitched a perfect seventh, Veras got two outs and Smyly retired David Ortiz on a harmless fly ball to center to end the eighth. Drew kept the score close for Boston in the bottom of the eighth, racing into shallow center field to make a juggling, over-the-shoulder catch on Prince Fielder's looper with runners on second and third.

Benoit struck out Mike Napoli to start the ninth before Nava singled to end the no-hit bid.

"Whether it was Sanchez or every guy they brought out of the bullpen, it was power stuff," Red Sox manager John Farrell said. "To chase a very good starter after six innings, I thought we succeeded in that right. We're down a run. That game is still very much in the balance with every time we come to the plate. ... We achieved what we set out to do and that was to get in the bullpen in the middle innings. And, unfortunately, it didn't work out."

Two nights after Justin Verlander took a no-hit bid into the seventh to finish off Oakland in the AL division series, Sanchez had a similar effort against the Red Sox. His four strikeouts in the first inning - thanks to a third-strike wild pitch to Shane Victorino - tied the major league record for a postseason game set by the Cubs' Orval Overall in the 1908 World Series.

It's the first time in baseball postseason history a team has had back-to-back games in which its starting pitcher had a no-hitter through five innings.

On a brisk night with the wind blowing in from center, the Tigers got the only run they needed in the sixth after Cabrera drew a one-out walk and moved to second when Fielder was hit by a pitch. Victor Martinez hit a sharp grounder to short for the force at second, but he beat the relay throw to first by inches to keep the inning alive.

Peralta then knocked a 2-2 pitch to center to score Cabrera from third.

Detroit threatened when Martinez doubled to lead off the fifth, but he was caught off second base on Omar Infante's sharp grounder to first. Alex Avila singled, and Infante took third when Victorino bobbled the ball in right.

On Jose Iglesias' grounder, third baseman Will Middlebrooks threw the ball home to retire the lead runner. Austin Jackson flied out to right, ending the inning.

Wacha, Cardinals edge Dodgers for 2-0 lead in NLCS

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Matched against ace Clayton Kershaw, the only thing Michael Wacha lacked was a no-hit watch.

"He's becoming a guy a lot of teams wish they drafted," teammate David Freese said. "What he's done is remarkable, especially on this stage."

Wacha stared down a bases-loaded test in the sixth inning and pitched into the seventh, and the kids in the bullpen also were impervious to October pressure, keeping the Los Angeles Dodgers bats silent for the second straight day and winning 1-0 Saturday for a 2-0 lead in the NL championship series.

"I'm kind of at a loss for words to describe him," said fellow rookie Kevin Siegrist, who got a big out to end the seventh. "It's kind of ridiculous how well he's done so far."

The Cardinals managed only two hits off Kershaw and the Dodgers, but Jon Jay's sacrifice fly set up by Freese's double and A.J. Ellis' passed ball in the fifth stood up.

The Dodgers' scoreless streak in the NLCS reached 19 innings after they averaged 6 1/2 runs in a four-game division series against Atlanta. Rookie fireballer Trevor Rosenthal struck out the side in the ninth with a heater reaching 101 mph, fanning pinch-hitter Andre Ethier on three pitches to end it.

A day after outlasting Los Angeles 3-2 in 13 innings, the Cardinals moved two wins away from the World Series.

Game 3 is Monday at Dodger Stadium, with Cardinals ace Adam Wainwright facing rookie Hyun-Jin Ryu. The Dodgers have already used their top two starters and have nothing to show for it.

"We don't get too far ahead of ourselves," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "We don't deny also what's happened here the last two days.

"Those were two very good wins, two very tough wins when you face starters like that."

Hanley Ramirez and Ethier were out of the Dodgers' lineup with injuries after starting in the opener. Los Angeles missed a handful of opportunities, going 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position for a two-day total of 1 for 16. Star rookie Yasiel Puig struck out in all four of his at-bats.

"We had our chances," Kershaw said. "We had our chances, for sure. You've got to give a lot of credit to Wacha."

The teams may have been hindered by shadows creeping across Busch Stadium in a late-afternoon start, with lights providing no real help. Both also were no doubt fatigued, which might have shown on the crucial passed ball by Ellis that wound up resulting in an unearned run.

Wacha was nearly untouchable for the third straight start, allowing five hits with eight strikeouts and a walk in 6 2-3 innings.

The 22-year-old right-hander was one out away from a no-hitter in his last start of the regular season, losing it on an infield hit by Washington's Ryan Zimmerman. Wacha ignored a crowd chanting his name in Game 4 of the division series at Pittsburgh, holding the Pirates hitless for 7 1-3 innings to bring the series back home.

In 22 2-3 innings in his last three starts, Wacha has given up two runs on seven hits with 26 strikeouts and five walks.

The 6-6 Wacha struck out Puig and Juan Uribe with the bases loaded to end the sixth. Catcher Yadier Molina helped by making a couple trips to the mound.

"That was a game-changer right there," Molina said. "To get out of that inning was unbelievable."

Kershaw led off with a single, and runners were on second and third after second baseman Matt Carpenter slid in shallow right to glove Carl Crawford's infield hit but threw it away for an error trying to get a forceout at second.

Adrian Gonzalez was walked intentionally to load the bases and the Dodgers 4-5 hitters coming up. Puig struck out on a fastball in the dirt and Uribe had a feeble cut chasing a 1-2 pitch out of the zone.

Carpenter tripled on Kershaw's first pitch of the game but didn't budge when the lefty retired the next three on nine pitches.

The Cardinals had another runner at third with nobody out in the fifth after Freese doubled and advanced on a passed ball by Ellis, This time they converted on Jay's sacrifice fly to shallow left as Crawford's throw was well offline.

The previous pitch the Cardinals tried to squeeze in a run with the Dodgers infield playing in, but Jay fouled off a 1-1 pitch.

Kershaw worked six snappy innings, needing just 72 pitches. He gave up two hits and struck out five.

The majors' ERA leader had plenty left, too, but the Dodgers needed runs and manager Don Mattingly opted for pinch-hitter Michael Young after Nick Punto's two-out single in the seventh.

"I always want to stay in the game, but I understand where Donnie's coming from," Kershaw said. "I get it. We can't give up any more outs and Michael Young is one of the best players the last 10 years."

The Cardinals lifted Wacha for another stingy rookie. Siegrist, who had a minuscule 0.45 ERA in his debut season, threw a pair of wild pitches before getting Young on a fly-out to end the seventh.

Relievers Randy Choate and Carlos Martinez pitched the eighth for St. Louis before turning it over to Rosenthal.

The Cardinals handed Kershaw two of his nine losses this season and have beaten him four consecutive times overall.

Bradley wins split decision over Marquez

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Once again, Timothy Bradley's hand was raised in victory. Once again, he heard the boos.

The script was familiar enough Saturday night for Bradley against Juan Manuel Marquez. So, too, was the result.

Bradley did just enough to win once again, beating Marquez by split decision to remain unbeaten and keep his piece of the welterweight title.

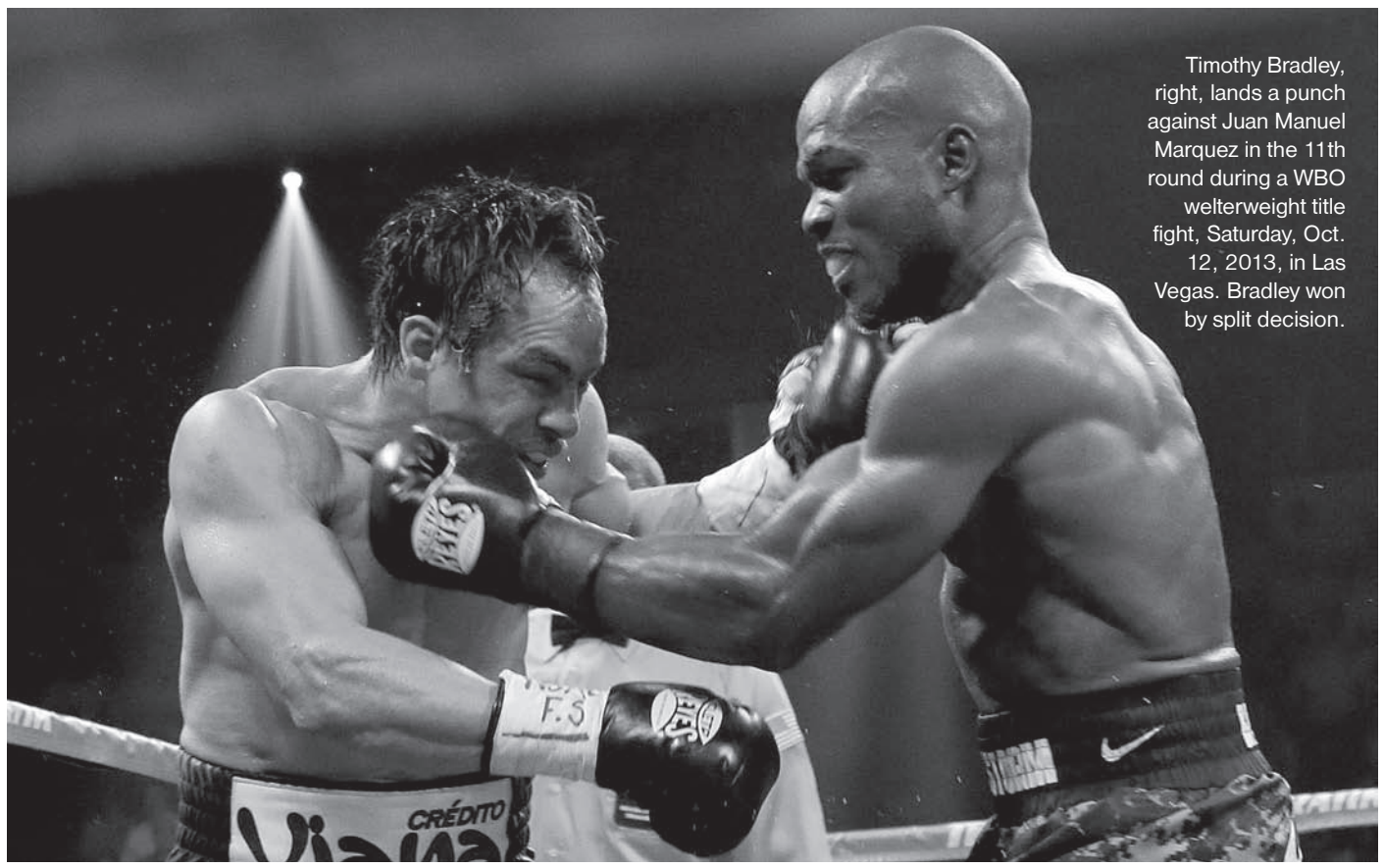
"That win was my ticket to the boxing Hall of Fame," Bradley said. "I beat a great champion."

The judges thought so, though the fight was about as close as they come. But the pro-Marquez crowd didn't, and neither did the Mexican fighter who was thwarted in his bid for a title in a fifth weight class at the age of 40.

"I came to win. I felt that I did win," Marquez said. "The judges took it away. You don't have to knock out a guy to win."

Bradley was the more active fighter and came on in the second half of the fight to win. It was the third straight close decision win for Bradley, who was a hotly disputed winner over Manny Pacquiao two fights ago.

Bradley won 116-112 on one card and 115-113 on another, while a third judge had Marquez winning 115-113. The Associated Press scored it 115-113 for Bradley.



Timothy Bradley, right, lands a punch against Juan Manuel Marquez in the 11th round during a WBO welterweight title fight, Saturday, Oct. 12, 2013, in Las Vegas. Bradley won by split decision.

Bradley rocked Marquez with a left hook in the final seconds of the final round, the biggest punch of the fight between the last two men to beat Pacquiao.

"He couldn't touch me," Bradley said. "I gave him a boxing lesson."

Coming off a brutal brawl with Ruslan Provodnikov last March that took him two months to recover from, Bradley vowed to fight smart and not engage in a war with Marquez. He used his left jab to keep Marquez away and boxed from the outside for most of the bout before trading wild punches in the final round.

Marquez was in the fight the entire way but at 40 he perhaps wasn't as active as in earlier fights. Bradley was the aggressor most of the night and seemed to control the action from the middle rounds on.

Ringside stats showed Bradley connecting on 168 of 562 punches to 153 of 455 for Marquez. Bradley dominated with jabs, landing 82 of 337 while working much of the night behind his left hand.

The final punch that sent Marquez staggering backward in the 12th round may have prompted two of the three judges to give Bradley the round, but it didn't have an effect on the ultimate decision.

"Tim followed the game plan perfectly," Bradley's manager Joel Diaz said. "No one can outbox Tim Bradley."

The fight was a tactical affair from the start, with Marquez looking to counterpunch and Bradley trying to figure out a way to land some counters of his own. Most of the rounds were close with no telling punches landed, though both fighters loaded up at times trying to land some big shots.

The decision loss was the latest in a series of disappointing decisions that didn't go the way of Marquez. He fought Pacquiao three times, losing twice and getting a draw on narrow decisions before finally knocking him out.

"I've been robbed six times in my career," Marquez said. "I clearly won the fight."

The crowd of 13,111 at the UNLV campus arena cheered wildly for Marquez who, like Bradley, passed up a rematch with Pacquiao in favor of the fight. Marquez knocked Pacquiao out in the sixth round last December, but could never find his big punch against Bradley.

Pacquiao will fight in Macau next month against Brandon Rios instead.

Bradley remained unbeaten in 31 fights with the win, his third narrow decision win in a row. Marquez fell to 55-7-1 and may be near the end of a career that has made him one of his country's biggest champions.

Both fighters earned $4 million.

In another fight, gay boxer Orlando Cruz lost his bid for a piece of the featherweight title, getting stopped in the seventh round by veteran Orlando Salido.

Cruz, the first openly gay active fighter, was outclassed much of the fight by Salido, who landed the heavier punches throughout before knocking Cruz down with a right hand to the head in the seventh. Cruz was on his knees and couldn't get up as he was counted out at 1:05 of the round.

"I went into the corner and he hit me with a good shot," Cruz said. "I thought the fight was close up until then."

Salido, who lost the 126-pound title in his last fight, won it back with an impressive performance against Cruz, a former Olympian from Puerto Rico who last year came out as gay. He took the fight to Cruz and was ahead 59-55 on two scorecards and 58-56 on a third going into the seventh round.

Bucs-Eagles game set despite MRSA scare

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Rookie cornerback Johnthan Banks, the third Tampa Bay player diagnosed with MRSA, has been cleared to play Sunday in the Buccaneers' game against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The NFL and NFL Players Association issued a joint statement Saturday, saying: ''The NFL and NFLPA have worked together in response to the MRSA matter in Tampa Bay. The jointly retained specialist has met with the team, supervised the inspection of the facilities, conducted medical examinations and agrees with the team medical staff that Mr. Banks does not pose a risk of transmission to other players.

''The specialist also met with team officials from the Eagles. All players have been advised of the process and we will continue to work together to jointly monitor the situation.''

MRSA is a staph infection that is resistant to many common antibiotics.

On the team's injury report Friday, Banks and guard Carl Nicks, who along with kicker Lawrence Tynes was diagnosed as having MRSA in August, were listed as questionable to play against Philadelphia. Tynes is on the non-football injury list.

Meanwhile, in New Jersey, the New York Jets tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. was suspended without pay for four games by the NFL on Friday for violating the league's policy on performance enhancing substances.

Winslow, the team's leading receiver with 17 catches, is immediately beginning his suspension, meaning he will sit out the Jets' game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday.

''It came as a huge surprise to me when I learned that I tested positive for a banned substance,'' Winslow said in a statement issued by his publicist. ''I have investigated all possible sources since learning of the positive test, including possible medical causes, but frustratingly, I do not know the source.

''I do not take supplements that list any banned ingredients, but the NFL policy is very strict, so I am accountable for the results.''

He will be eligible to return to the Jets' active roster on Nov. 4, following New York's game against New Orleans on Nov. 3.

The Jets have a bye-week break after they play the Saints, so Winslow's next opportunity to play would be on Nov. 17 at Buffalo.

''I sincerely apologize to my teammates, coaches and Jets fans for this situation,'' Winslow said. ''I will work extremely hard during this time away from the field and look forward to contributing to the team as soon as the suspension ends.''

Winslow had been listed as doubtful on the Jets' injury report on Friday, and coach Rex Ryan excused him from participating in practice but declined to go into details.

''I'd rather not get into it,'' Ryan said. ''I excused him. I'll just say that.''

The 30-year-old Winslow, in his first year with the Jets, has been dealing with a balky right knee all season that kept him out of practice all week. He hasn't missed any games, though, and had two touchdown catches, including one in New York's 30-28 victory at Atlanta on Monday night.

But he didn't speak to reporters after the win, and uncharacteristically chose to not speak in the locker room after practice all week. That led to speculation that perhaps he was unhappy with his role in the offense. Last season, Winslow played in just one game with New England before asking to be released because he anticipated a lack of playing time behind Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez.

Rose sits due to knee soreness in win over Wizards

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Derrick Rose missed the first NBA game played in South America on Saturday, sitting out the Chicago Bulls' 83-81 victory over the Washington Wizards with soreness in his surgically repaired left knee.

The NBA star's absence disappointed a sellout crowd of 13,635 at the HSBC Arena in Rio - the gymnastics venue at the 2016 Olympics - where the top ticket price for the preseason game was 2,000 Brazilian reals ($915).

Taj Gibson led the Bulls with 18 points and Luol Deng added 14. Bradley Beal paced Washington with 16.

Rose had played two preseason games without any sign of problems, but Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said the knee flared up in practice Friday and Rose ended his work about halfway through the session.

''We wanted to see where he was today, but he wasn't as well as we would have liked,'' Thibodeau said. ''He still had the soreness. So we anticipated giving him time off. We view our training camp as the entire month. So if he needs a day, or a couple of days we'll do that.''

Kirk Hinrich started at point guard in Rose's absence and finished with eight points and three assists.

''It's more, I think, just a precaution. He's coming off a really big injury. We're not too worried,'' Hinrich said. ''He's been good all camp and I'm assuming everybody is expecting him to be ready.

''Coming back from a big injury like that, you don't want to push it too hard, too fast.''

Chicago led 44-35 at halftime and was in control most of the way until Washington took a 79-77 lead with 5:42 left on Glen Rice's 3-pointer.

Fans started chanting late in the game ''Rose, Rose,'' hoping to see him take the floor, but Thibodeau plans on playing it safe with his star point guard.

''In training camp when guys get sore, you usually rest them,'' he said. ''You are always concerned with injuries or soreness. We knew coming into the season he's coming off a major injury.''

Rose hoped to be ready for the Bulls' next game, at home Wednesday against the Pistons.

''I know that I should be ready to go next game,'' he said.

Chicago's Joakim Noah also missed the game, sitting out with a groin injury.

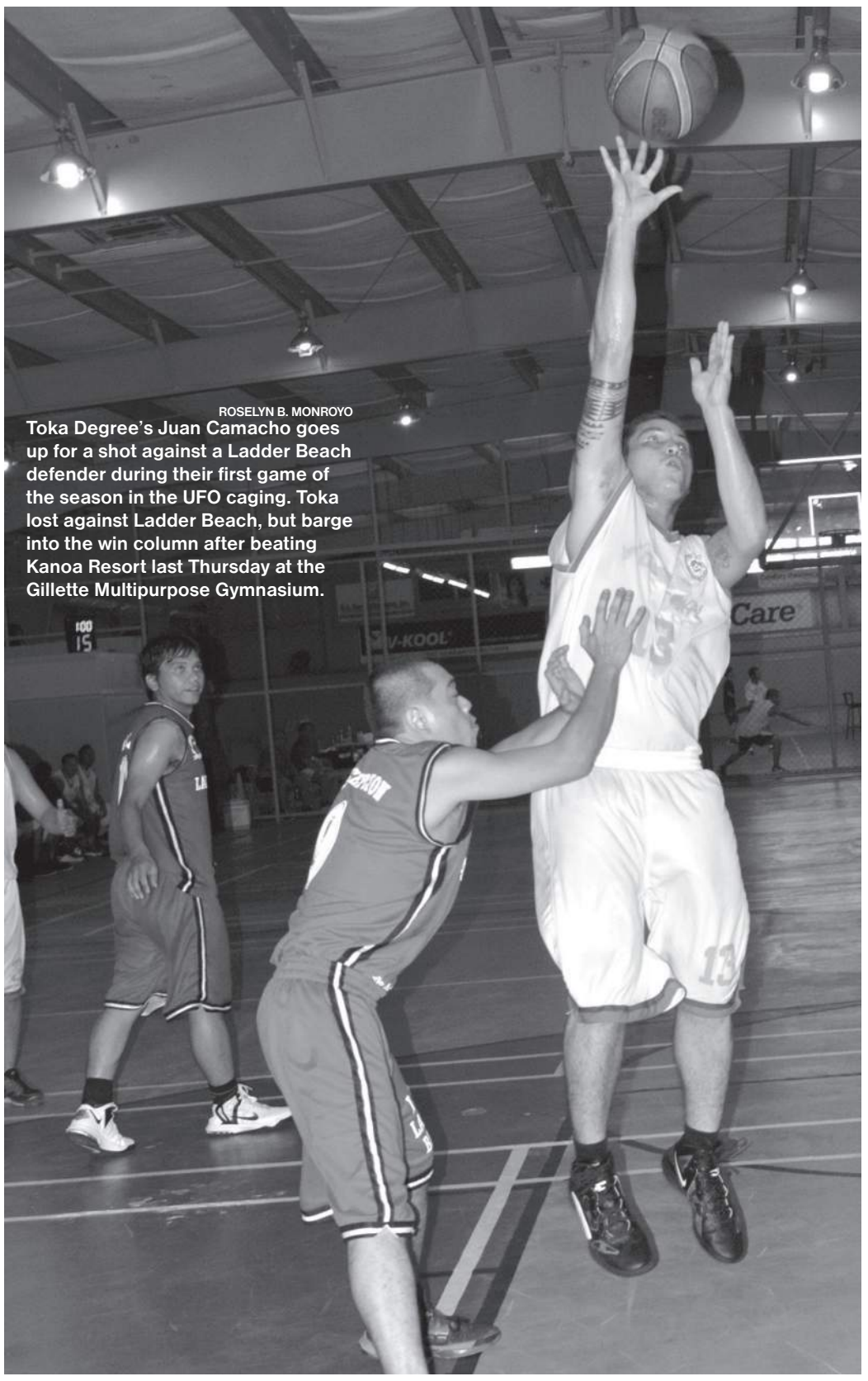
''Over the course of a season you are always going to have different issues in terms of health,'' Thibodeau said. ''So we expect when someone is out, the next man will step up and get the job done. We had a lot of guys do that last year and we expect the same next year.''

Brazilian great Oscar Schmidt got a rousing welcome from the fans, but Wizards center Nene, who grew up near Sao Paulo, was jeered as he took the floor. And he was jeered each time he went to the free-throw line.

Many Brazil fans are unhappy because Nene seldom plays for the national team, and Schmidt has criticized him for not doing so.

Chicago is 3-0 in the preseason and Washington is 0-2.

Hoops outlasts KB Market; Toka gets first victory



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Toka Degree's Juan Camacho goes up for a shot against a Ladder Beach defender during their first game of the season in the UFO caging. Toka lost against Ladder Beach, but barge into the win column after beating Kanoa Resort last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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The Hoopaholics pulled off a nail-biting 84-83 victory over KB Market in the curtain raiser in the UFO-Budweiser Open Division Basketball League last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The win was second in a row for the Hoops, which dropped its opener against Kanoa Resort, 70-71, while KB Market absorbed its second loss after three games. KB Market had chances to either tie the game or win the match, but could not cash in on baskets in the homestretch.

After Freddie Litulumar canned the go-ahead shot for the Hoops with less than a minute left in the game, 84-82, KB Market had an opportunity to even up the count when Elmer Esdrelon was fouled. However, Esdrelon, who is usually a reliable free throw shooter, bowed to pressure and missed his first attempt from the stripe before making the second, leaving the Hoops with a one-point lead.

The Hoops then faltered on its next offensive set, giving KB Market another chance to steal the win in the last nine seconds of the game. However, again, KB Market wasted the opportunity with Leo Galarse muffing a triple at the buzzer.

The Hoopaholics-KB Market was a seesaw battle with the former winning in the end after getting a lift from Kevin Fitial in the fourth quarter. Fitial scored 8 of his team-high 15 points in the final period. The Hoops also earned crucial markers (8) from the foul line to edge KB market.

In the second game, Toka Degree snapped its two-game losing skid after defeating Kanoa Resort (1-2).

Toka Degree drew a big game from Tony Diaz, who fired 28 points to power his team to its first victory of the season. Juan Camacho also did his share in the victory, notching 20 points, 9 of them came in the fourth canto.

The fourth period started with Toka still behind, 52-55, before Camacho picked up where Diaz left off to save their team from a 0-3 start. Jawn Joyner also helped out in the fourth, adding 7 markers.

Kanoa Resort lost the lead and eventually the game after Preston Basa was neutralized in the fourth frame. Basa finished the third with 24 points, but was held to one field goal in the final canto. Only Don Brennan and Leornard Sablan nailed more than one field goal for Kanoa Resort in the fourth period and the latter's baskets came when the match was already in the bag for Toka.

Kanoa logged only 14 points in the fourth quarter against the 25 of Toka.

First Game

Hoopaholics 84 – Fitial 15, Litulumar 13, Tenorio 11, Mendez 9, Babauta 8, Lauron 8, Diaz 8, Itibus 7, Manibusan 2.

KB Market 83 – Esdrelon 23, Galarse 19, Barbo 10, Devero 8, Manalo 7, Berline 4, De Dios 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-18, 38-42, 66-62, 84-83.

Second Game

Toka Degree 77 – T. Diaz 28, Camacho 20, Ja. Joyner 10, Mendiola 4, Reyes 4, Ju. Joyner 4, Aughenbaugh 4.

Kanoa Resort 69 – Basa 26, Brennan 18, L. Sablan 8, Coldeen 4, Duenas 4, Orbeta 2, S. Sablan 2, Cruz 2, Manglona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-14, 37-33, 52-55, 77-69.

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last 24 minutes of play, but she either overshot her mark or threw airballs. The rest of his teammates tried attempting inside, but to no avail, as the Lady Ayuyus still need to work on their fundamentals (such as dribbling and passing) to square off for shots.

The Lady Dolphins, though they also committed several turnovers, were more cohesive, giving extra passes and having better positioning inside to connect high-percentage shots. MHS also had open looks off short jumpers to recover from the 5-point deficit in the first quarter.

Shaina Abadilla top-scored for MHS with her 8 points, while Martina Ada chipped in 7. Three other Lady Dolphins made it to the board with Alexandria Vergara contributing 4 point and Patricia Abantao and Maria Dalusong adding 3 and 2, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the Kagman-MBA game last Thursday, the Ayuyus also went on a offensive meltdown, allowing the Storms to cruise to a 44-15 victory.

Again, the Lady Ayuyus enjoyed the driver's seat in the first quarter, 12-7, only to go scoreless in the second and fourth quarter. Ngirausui hit her shots from beyond the arc, anew, early in the game, firing three triples. Kagman's other field goal also came from a triple, courtesy of Jocielyn Lacay, and the Ayuyus went on to take a 5-point edge against MBA.

MBA made only one triple (from Denise Samson) and drew one field goal apiece from Chris Obaldo and Vanessa Bartolo. Samson and Bartolo also scored in the second canto, drilling 4 points apiece, while Kagman was off, giving MBA a 15-12 advantage at the break.

Then at the start of the second half, Ngirausui got her fourth triple of the night, but that also served as the last basket for Kagman, while Samson and Vanessa Bartolo drew help from three other teammates to complete the rout.

Samson led MBA with her 16 points, Vanessa Bartolo and Obaldo contributed 10 each, while Chelsea Bartolo and Naomi Ito had 4 and 2 markers, respectively.

Thursday's Game

MBA 44 – Samson 16, Obaldo 10, V. Bartolo 10, C. Bartolo 4, Ito 2.

KHS 15 – Ngirausui 12, Lacay 3.

Scoring by quarters: 7-12, 15-12, 31-15, 44-15.

Friday's Game

MHS 27 – Abadilla 8, Ada 7, Vergara 4, Abantao 3, Dalusong 2.

KHS 13 – Ngirausui 9, Lizama 4.

Scoring by quarters: 8-13, 18-13, 23-13, 27-13.

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a second-set scare against the Ayuyus to notch their fifth straight win. The Ayuyus eked out a 26-24 win in the second set after SIS nailed a 25-19 victory in the opening set. Then in the deciding third set, the Ayuyus gassed out, while the Geckos had a lot of reserves to cruise to a 15-2 win.

Against Southern, which SIS faced in the final game last Wednesday, the Geckos took the victory right after the second set. SIS faced a tough competition in the opening set before posting a 25-18 victory and then coasted to a 26-9 triumph in the second set to bag the outright win. Southern saved a win against SIS when it topped the third set, 15-7.

After losing the lead to SIS, GCA recovered and improved to a 5-1 record, following its victories over Marianas Baptist Academy and MHS last Wednesday. The Eagles swept MBA, 25-23, 25-16, 15-6, and then earned the automatic win over MHS after prevailing in the first two sets, 25-20, 25-14.

The Dolphins, who had a 3-1 record in Week 1, were winless in Week 2, as they bowed to the MBA Stormz, too, last Monday. MBA, which dropped all its three games in the opening week, barged into the win column after sweeping MHS. The Stormz recorded a 25-14 win in the first set and secured the upset with a nail-biting 28-26 victory in the second set. The third set was another down-to-the-wire game with MBA still winning, 15-14.

In other results, Mt. Carmel School and Southern split their games in Week 2. The Knights (2-4) booked their second win after sweeping Kagman last Monday, 25-23, 25-12, 15-9, but fail to bag back-to-back wins on the same day after bowing to Southern in the last game. The Manta Rays moved one set away from beating Mt. Carmel when they registered a 25-17 win in the opening set. The Knights equalized with a 25-12 win in the second set, but the Manta Rays emerged victorious in the end after logging a 15-7 triumph in the deciding third set.

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road bike categories, respectively. Diyco completed the race in 1:50:53, beating Dennis Bautista by only four seconds, while Dizon logged 1:41:41, just a second ahead of youth biker Erico Castro (1:41:42).

Dizon went on to rule the men's 36 to 46 age group, defeating Peter Prestley (1:49:20) and Jay Diyco (2:01:51). Castro topped the 14 to 25 age group, downing Ian Mulligan (1:56:32) and Gerald Rangamar (2:13:50).

Other age group first placers in the road bike category were Willy Barbo (1:52:42/56 and above), Edwin Morales (1:51:53/26 to 35), Tyce Mister (1:52:41/46 to 55), and Li Juan Zai (2:28:98/women's 26 to 35). In the MTB division, Wynn Brillo won the 10 to 13 age group after recording 2:09:12; Edwin Palagares (2:05:52) prevailed in the 26 to 35 division; George De Guzman (2:01:57) topped the 46 to 55; Bautista reigned supreme in the 36 to 45; and Susan Marchitti (2:39:29) dominated the women's 46 to 55.

The Top 3 finisher in each age group received certificates and in-kind prizes from tournament sponsors.

Meanwhile, race organizers Kanae and Russ Quinn would like to thank the following for supporting the pre-Hell of Marianas fundraiser: 3 Strands Christian Book Shop, YCO True Value Hardware, TSL Foundation (Fiesta Resort & Kanoa Resort), Saipan World Resort, Made in Saipan, Handbags, etc., SP Dancoe & Associates, Aqua Resort Club, Mariana Resort, Coral Ocean Point, IT&E, PIC, NMICF, Gold's Gym, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Triple J Enterprises, DFS, Naked Fish and Safety 1st.

"On behalf of the CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Russ and I thanked all the participants and our community's professional and safety-oriented DPS patrolmen and women who ventured out early this morning under grey and wet skies to tackle the Pre-HOM Fundraising Bike Race. We were fortunate to have cool, dry weather for the first few hours but the downpour contributed to quite a soggy awards ceremony and raffle draw," Kanae said in a press statement sent to *Saipan Tribune* ***(Roselyn Monroyo)***

Tinian holds Pedaling for Progress 35K Race

Pretty in Pink Foundation together with the Bikers Association of Tinian held the Pedaling for Progress 35K Race last Saturday with the event starting and ending at Taga Beach.

More than 30 bikers registered for the early morning race with Norlo Jacosalem leading the finishers list. Jacosalem completed the race in 1:20:33 to top the men's 36-and-above age group. He defeated Charlie Cabreros and Fernando Cacabelos, who clocked in at 1:25:39 and 1:28:40, respectively.

In the men's 35-and-below age group, Dawn Sarmiento came in first with his 1:29:18, while Arwin Reyes finished second after submitting 1:36:37.

In the women's division, the top finisher was Rosalina Lazaro, who logged 1:44:41. She also won the women's 35-and-below age group, defeating Isabel Lazaro (2:01:17). In the 36-and-above age group, Marjorie Cabay recorded 2:06:30 to prevail over Zania Fleming (2:22:01).

Other finishers in the weekend race were Robert Fajardo (1:29:51), Winston Omar (1:30:48), Edgar Jabinar (1:33:39), Ulysses Gania (1:41:40), Dennis Deala (1:44:00), Julian Hofschneider (1:54:31), and Jake Cruz (2:13:21), and Margo Gifford. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Bikers get ready at the starting line.

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The Top 3 finishers in the Pretty in Pink Foundation and Bikers Association of Tinian's Pedaling for Progress 35K Race pose for a photo last Saturday.

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz congratulates Margo Gifford, a wounded U.S. veteran, who pushed for the race.

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, second from left front row, poses with the finishers of the race.

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Members of the Pretty in Pink Foundation pose for a photo after the race.

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Bikers pose with the Giant Rincon MTB bike raffled off after the race.

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Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, third left, Margo Gifford, left, one of the main organizers, and Richard Lazaro, vice president of the Bikers Association of Tinian, right, and race top finisher Norlo Jacosalem pose for a photo.

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MHS, MBA rout Kagman in JV caging

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Marianas High School's Shaina Abadilla is hounded by Kagman High School players during the fourth quarter of their junior varsity game in the MISO caging last Friday at the MHS Gymnasium.

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Marianas High School and Marianas Baptists Academy whipped Kagman High School in the junior varsity games in the 2013-2014 MISO Girls Basketball League last week at the MHS Gymnasium.

The Lady Dolphins and the Lady Ayuyus played last Friday with the former silencing the latter in the last three quarters to notch the 14-point win, 27-13 MHS improved to a 2-0 record, as it also prevailed over MBA (via forfeiture) in the opening week, while Kagman dropped to a 0-3 slate.

The Lady Ayuyus absorbed their third straight defeat in the JV division despite a good start against the Lady Dolphins. Kagman led, 13-8, behind the three triples of Natasha Ngirausui and two field goals of Kelsey Lizama. Strangely, the Lady Ayuyus failed to buy a bucket in the remaining three quarters of the match.

Ngirausui pulled up for more shots from downtown in the

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SIS Geckos keep perfect record in MISO v'ball

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Saipan International School won the battle of unbeaten teams in Week 2 of the 2013-2014 MISO Boys Volleyball League after outlasting Grace Christian Academy last Monday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Geckos, who went 3-0 in the opening week, made it four in a row after a 2-1 victory over the Eagles. Week 1's co-leaders were neck-and-neck in the opening set, as they tried to protect their clean slates, however, SIS held its ground and escaped with a 27-25 victory in the extended match. The second set was another tough game with the Geckos pulling off a 25-22 triumph to secure the early win and hand GCA its first loss this season. The Eagles managed to avoid a shutout when they took the third set, 15-13.

SIS also played last Wednesday and retained an immaculate mark (6-0) after beating Kagman High School and Saipan Southern High School. The Geckos survived

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Marianas Baptist Academy's Kanata Omori, left, battles a Saipan Southern High School player on the net during Week 1 action in the MISO volleyball league at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

'Hell' fundraiser draws 90 bikers

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Cole Chambers sprints to the finish line of yesterday's 16K event in the Pre-HOM Fundraising Bike Race.

Ninety bikers braved the cold and early morning Pre-HOM Fundraising Bike Race hosted by the CNMI Chapter of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

Yesterday's event featured a 50K course (both road and MTB divisions), 8K and 16K for children, and a 25K (both road and MTB) with all competitions starting and ending at the Mariana Resort.

In the 8K race, Taiga Sato was the runaway winner after clocking in at 16:00. He beat R.J Pierce, who made it to the finish line at the 27:32 mark, just two seconds ahead of Akira Kadokura. Other finishers in the 8K event were JC Ferrer (31:13), Dylan Mister (32:23), Zena Buenaventura (32:52) and Samuel (36:47) and Ryder Alvarez (39:34).

In the 16K course, Cole Chambers defeated Spencer Dickinson in a neck-and-neck finish, as the former submitted 57:46 against the latter's 57:48. Logan Mister completed the down-to-the-wire Top 3 with his 57:49. Blake Mister and Virginia Villagomez also joined the race and timed in at 58:12 and 59:28, respectively. Adam and Mari Sablan negotiated the same 16K course, which was around the Marpi area, but were entered in the adults category and posted times of 44:14 and 54:33, respectively.

In the 25K MTB division, Ferdinand Ramos was the overall finisher after clocking in at 1:00:39. He topped the 36 to 45 age group, beating Roland Libayan (1:01:22) and William Oropesa (1:19:17).

Other age group top finishers were Christian Bravo (1:26:11/U13), Betty Johnson 1:28:30/46 to 55), Myles Santos (1:29:21/14 to 25), Floro Derexes (1:04:39/46 to 55), Jerry Facey (1:18:16/70 and above), and Randy Harper (1:52:28/56 and above). In the road bike division, Fred Camacho and Marcos Bravo were the only two entries and recorded 1:05:05 and 1:10:50, respectively.

For the longest race of the day—the 50K—Jerome Diyco and Nap Dizon were the overall first finishers in the MTB and

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